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City-wise result of NEET-UG declared by NTA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday released the the centre and city-wise results for NEET-UG, following a Supreme Court order to do so.

Interestingly, data from a retest centre at Hardayal Public School in Haryana showed significant score drops, indicating stricter controls in the re-exam process. The highest score in the retest was 682, compared to multiple perfect scores previously. Only 13 candidates of the centre in Haryana's Jhajjar managed to score more than 600 marks.

As many as 67 students across the country had scored a perfect 720, unprecedented in the testing agency's history, with six from the centre in Haryana figuring in the list. It raised suspicions about irregularities at the centre. P10

SHOOT-AT-SIGHT FIAT OUT IN BANGLADESH

AGENCIES @Dhaka

POLICE imposed a strict curfew with shoot-at-sight orders across Bangladesh as military forces patrolled parts of the capital on Saturday after scores were killed and hundreds injured in clashes over reservation of government jobs.

The curfew began at midnight and was relaxed from noon to 2 pm for people to run essential errands, and is expected to last until 10 am on Sunday. The demonstrations started weeks ago to protest a quota system that reserves up to 30% of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971.

Violence erupted on Tuesday, with the *Daily Prothom Alo* newspaper reporting the death of at least 103 people.

Friday was the deadliest day so far with *Somoy TV* reported 43 killed, while an Associated Press reporter saw 23 bodies at the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital. Local media also reported that some 800 inmates fled from a prison in Narsingdi, a district north of Dhaka, after protesters stormed the facility and set it on fire on Friday.

950 students arrive in India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Guwahati

THE exodus of Indian, Nepalese and Bhutanese students from strife-torn Bangladesh continues with over 950 students entering India through the Meghalaya and Tripura borders so far.

"In the past three days, a total of 856 people from India, Nepal and Bhutan, mostly students, have crossed over to the country from Bangladesh through Dawki, an India-Bangladesh border town in the West Jaintia Hills district," a senior home department official said. Besides, around 100 students returned to India through two integrated checkposts in Tripura.

Thomas Gamaliyen, a security officer at the Dawki Land Port, told this newspaper the Meghalaya government provided a bus to drop the students at the Inter State Bus Terminus at Mawpat on the outskirts of Shillong but not many availed the service which is available once a day. "They are coming to Dawki in groups on Bangladeshi taxis and buses. Immediately thereafter, they hire cars to go to Shillong or Guwahati. We help them in hiring the vehicles," Gamaliyen said.

Panic-stricken U-K villagers want to move to a safe place

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Ulluvare (Uttara Kannada)

PEOPLE of Ulluvare are living in fear after Tuesday's massive landslide which reduced their village to rubble. They now want to be shifted to a safe place.

Manjunath Hanumanthe Gouda, 20, was returning home when he saw the hillock caving in and sweeping away a small hotel, some vehicles and part of NH 66 to the Gangavalli river below. As debris from the hillock entered the river, water rose as high as 40 ft. Because of this, even high tension electric cables snapped and fell into the river. A huge "explosion" was heard. Mud, boulders and trees from the hillock swept away parts of Ulluvare village on the other side of the river, he said.

His mother Sanni Hanumanthe Gouda, who is 60, was alone at home when the landslide took place. "It all happened in a few seconds. Boulders and mud covered the newly-constructed pathway, canal and paddy fields. Even fish from the river were washed ashore," said Krishnegouda, gram panchayat member.

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CM TO VISIT UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT TODAY

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will visit Uttara Kannada district on Sunday to take stock of the devastation caused by heavy rain. The government has released Rs 775 crore for relief and rehabilitation works in the state, and more will be released if required, he said.

Look who wants to ease stance on faith

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

LEARNING from its recent election debacle, the CPM in Kerala is set to take a more liberal stance on matters of faith and beliefs. Marking a major shift from its position, the party plans to offer support and legitimacy to lakhs of its members who are believers. The leadership is learnt to be preparing to take an inclusive approach by welcoming the faithful, especially Hindus, into its fold.

The two-day party state committee, which begins on Sunday, will discuss these issues in detail as part of an organisational and political course correction. "The CPM has decided to introspect on its declared position on faith and believers," a critical insider in the party said.

"The party faced a similar setback in 2019, over the issue of permitting women to enter the Sabarimala temple. Rahul Gandhi's decision to contest from Wayanad also delivered a body blow. The leadership, from then state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan to district leaders, visited households, particularly Hindu homes he said.

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Sri Siddaramaiah
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• **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Purnima 3.58 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Utthara Shada 1.40 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

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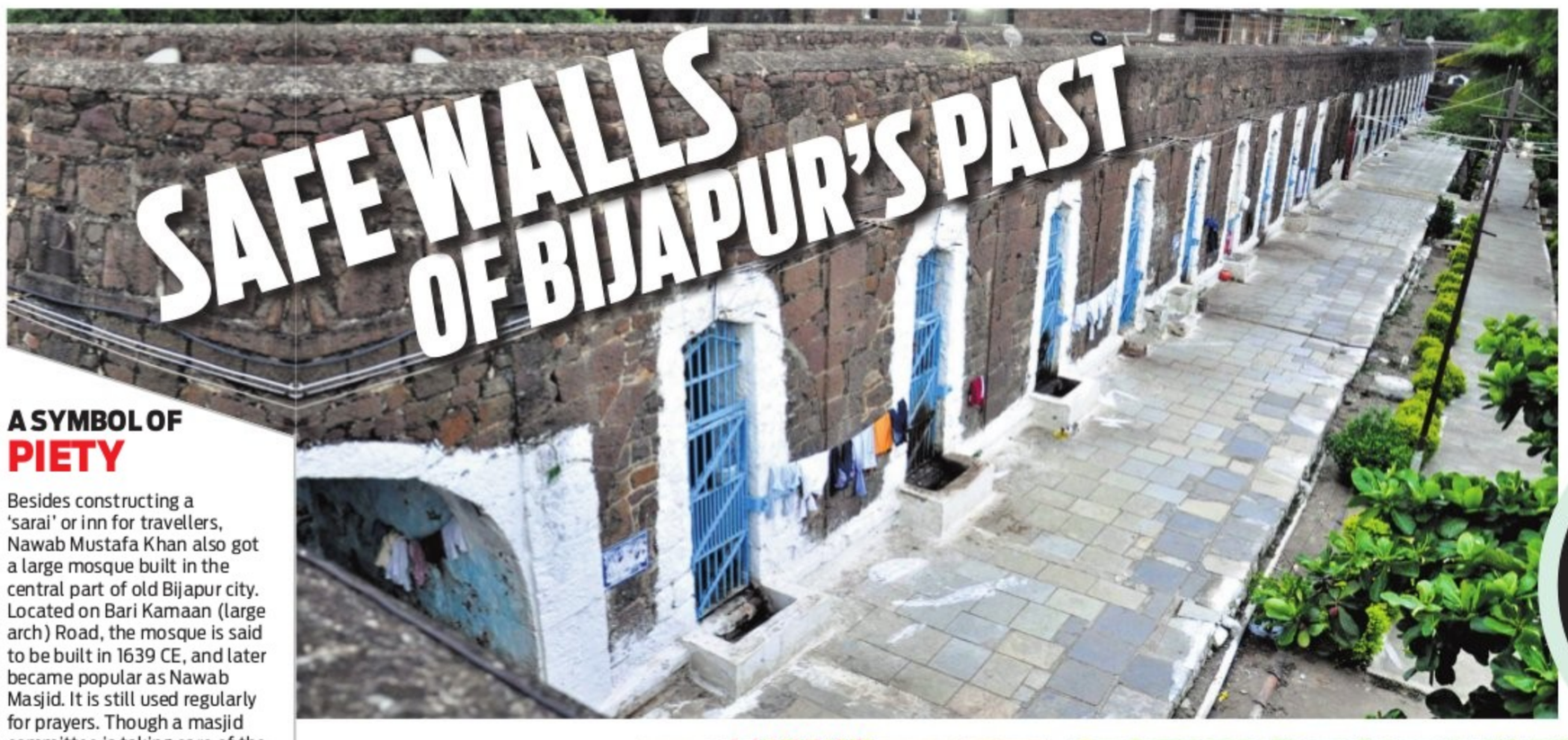
SAFE WALLS OF BIJAPUR'S PAST



A secure inn for gem traders during the Adil Shahi era, Nawab Mustafa Khan Sarai houses prisoners today

FIROZ ROZINDAR @Vijayapura

SEVERAL historical remnants dot the landscape of Vijayapura, reflecting Bijapur's glorious past. While Gol Gumbaz and Ibrahim Roza are some shining examples of Deccan Indo-Islamic architecture, there is another imposing structure of that bygone era, which is still alive and in use today.

With its formidable heightened walls built with large black stone over five acres of land; a narrow arched-entrance, flanked by small rooms for guards; and a grand courtyard, surrounded by rooms for accommodation, a large kitchen, and bathrooms, Nawab Mustafa Khan Sarai served as the most secure place of stay and rest for travellers and traders in precious gems for over four decades.

Nawab Mustafa Khan Sarai, translated as Nawab Mustafa Khan Inn, continues as a secure place of boarding even today, the only difference being that it's no longer an inn. Located around 4 km from the central bus stand in Vijayapura city, this splendid monument houses hundreds of prisoners, since being converted into a jail during the British Raj.

The interiors of the Nawab Mustafa Khan Sarai now known as Dargah Jail, (top) A painting Nawab Mustafa Khan | EXPRESS

DARGAH JAIL

Popularly known as Dargah Jail, owing to its proximity to the shrine (Dargah) of Sufi saint Hazrat Khwaja Ameen Chishti, the monument is a reminder of the architectural marvels sanctioned by the Adil Shahi dynasty that ruled the South-Western part of India during 1490-1686 CE. Specifically, the Bijapur Central Prison, which is historically Nawab Mustafa Khan Sarai, was built by Nawab Mustafa Khan in 1636 CE. Khan was appointed Commander-in-Chief during the reign of Sultan Mohammed Adil Shah, and proved himself to be an astute administrator.

Elucidating the need for such an inn or boarding house, historians cite the wealth and prestige of the Sultanate of Bijapur in the 17th century that called for such structures to be built.

"Since Bijapur had gained immense prosperity during the Adil Shahi period, hundreds of domestic and international travellers and traders started visiting it. At that time, a new suburb called Shahapur was commissioned, which had all modern facilities of the time. Since travellers traded in precious stones from across the globe, they needed a safe and secure place to stay in Bijapur. Considering the need, Mustafa Khan got the inn built in 1636 CE near Vijayapura city, which was located close to Shahapur then," explains Dr Abdul Gani Imaratwale.

The veteran historian, who has written several books on Bijapur's history, said the inn's tall walls were designed to prevent intruders from entering the premises, protecting the resident traders and their priceless wares.

"To instil a sense of security among traders and travellers, Khan also got a verse of the Quran inscribed on a wall of the monument. The verse means – 'Allah is assuring all those who have entered heaven they need not to be scared or carry any fear as they are now safe and secure because they are in the custody of Allah'. This verse is meant to reassure visitors that they are in a very safe and secure place," Dr Imaratwale elaborates.

Further, he says the sultan had appointed guards, whose job was to keep the precious items of the traders in their custody and maintain a complete record. The visitors were charged some fee for the service.

INN BECOMES PRISON

The inn continued to function for several years until the end of the Adil Shahi dynasty, and then it was captured by Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb in 1686 CE. Soon after, the traders stopped arriving, and the once bustling structure fell to ruin and disrepair, and remained deserted for another two centuries.

In 1885, the British, under whose control Bijapur was at that time as part of the Bombay Presidency, decided to convert the Sarai into a prison. Historical records suggest that the British wanted to build a prison, but first wished to explore the possibility of converting any monument into one, with some minor changes. The colonial authorities found the inn suitable, and decided to go ahead with turning it into a jail, allocating Rs 20,000. "The British found the monument best-suited for a prison, because of the high walls surrounding it. Also, it had rooms that could be converted into barracks for inmates," Dr Imaratwale informs.

Today, the jail has 10 barracks, with each having a capacity to house around 40 inmates. There are around 500 prisoners (male and female, and convicts and undertrials) lodged here. In due course, more amenities have been added for the inmates. Security features such as CCTV cameras too have been installed.

In 1983, the jail was converted into a District Central Prison, where convicts began to be incarcerated. But over time, the authorities found the prison proving to be small to accommodate an increasing number of prisoners, prompting the government to construct a new high-tech jail on the city's outskirts. Officials said that work on the new building is under way. Soon, the present jail will be shifted to a new facility. Till then, Dargah Jail will remain one of the oldest prisons in the country.

A SYMBOL OF PIETY

Besides constructing a 'sarai' or inn for travellers, Nawab Mustafa Khan also got a large mosque built in the central part of old Bijapur city. Located on Bari Kamaan (large arch) Road, the mosque is said to be built in 1639 CE, and later became popular as Nawab Masjid. It is still used regularly for prayers. Though a masjid committee is taking care of the Masjid, since it is listed as a 'protected monument' by the Archaeological Survey of India as it is an edifice of historical importance. Historians view the Masjid as a unique monument, constructed using only large stone slabs. Another striking feature is that it has no pillars, entirely standing on huge stone walls. The design of the inner arch, where the Imam leads the namaz, is said to have been derived from the historical Jama Masjid. The inner area can accommodate at least 200 worshippers, while an equal number of people can offer prayers in the outer area. The mosque also has a tank for ablution, which used to be full of water round the year in past, since it was connected via underground pipes to the Begum Talab, almost 3 km away.

After 6 yrs, hoardings, outdoor ads to come back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

OUTDOOR advertisements -- hoardings, posters, banners, building wrap advertisements and mobile advertisement displays -- are all set to make a comeback after six years with the government approving a draft notification of BBMP's Advertisement By-laws 2024.

Ads will be allowed in a regulated manner on roads wider than 60 ft, where ads can be placed on both government and private properties. Private owners can rent out the space only after paying taxes to the BBMP. With this, the Palike aims to mop up over Rs 1,000 crore annually.

The notification dated July 19 invites objections/ suggestions from the public on the bylaws within 30 days from that date.

Advertisements in BBMP can only be done through open auction/tender as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 (Karnataka Act 29 of 2000), the notification said.

The advertisements on Metro pillars, Metro stations and infrastructure are excluded from the assigned rights to any bid. However, the same shall be put to separate suitable tender by the BBMP.

The BBMP, through its zonal commissioners and authorised officers, will enforce the bylaws to ensure that no unauthorised advertisements come up on any road. The Palike has a fixed advertisement fee effective from June 17, 2023. In case of non-payment, Palike will charge 18% interest for the delay.

Any arrears or unpaid demand for the advertisement from either a licensed advertiser or anyone who is liable to pay the advertisement fee or penalty or interest, Palike has the right to attach bank accounts, distress sale of the moveable properties or seizure. Such a defaulter shall be liable for criminal action under Section 326 of the Act, as per the draft notification.

There will be an advertising regulatory committee headed by the additional chief secretary, urban development department, and officials from traffic police, Bescom and BBMP as its members. The committee will look into objections and remove advertisements if there are safety issues.

CM Siddaramaiah and Wipro founder chairman Azim Premji after signing an MoU to supply eggs to schoolchildren, in Bengaluru on Saturday. Primary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa and MLA Rizwan Arshad look on.

Schoolchildren to get eggs six days a week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FROM now on eggs will be added to the mid-day meal for the 55 lakh students in government and government-aided schools from Grade 1 to Grade 10 on all six days. Currently, the state government's mid-day meal program provides eggs on two days of the week to the students.

The Azim Premji Foundation signed an MoU with the state government here on Saturday to support the nutritional enrichment of the state government's mid-day meal program in government and government-aided schools for three years.

CM Siddaramaiah who inaugurated the program lauded Azim Premji Foundation for its decision to provide nutritious food to school children six days a week.

He stressed that quality food is important for mental health and added that healthy food should be given to all students. "I have seen children coming to schools without breakfast," he said adding that this prompted him to provide food and eggs twice a week. "Now, the Azim Premji Foundation has joined hands with the government to provide eggs and nutritious food to children for four additional days a week," he said.

Prashant: Govt has dossiers on judges

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

THE most sinister move adopted by the current government is to prepare dossiers with the help of intelligence agencies to influence the judiciary, claimed Prashant Bhushan, SC lawyer and activist, on Saturday.

"These dossiers contain all the information on the judges and their families and if they have done anything wrong. Based on that they can be blackmailed. If you get something on the Chief Justice of India, you would control more than half of the judiciary. As the CJI also decides which case is listed before which bench," he said at a discussion on 'Mandate of 2024 Parliamentary Elections-The Way Forward', hosted by the Forum for Democracy and Communal Amity-Karnataka chapter.

He added that the recently concluded LS elections will impact the judiciary. "We will see that some of these judges will become more independent than we have seen in the last 10 years. They don't see it as a fascist government staring in their faces, but a weaker one," he said.

In terms of civil society contribution, he highlighted the need to form 'communal harmony councils' in all districts to confront the problem of communalism, lynching and fake information being spread to demonise minorities. These councils should report communal hatred which is a crime under the law, he added.

He said over the years, India's political democracy has become a money game and "needs to be reclaimed".

EXPRESS READ

Govt launches WEscalate for women

Bengaluru: The Department of Electronics, Information Technology (IT) and Biotechnology (BT) launched the WEscalate (Elevate Women Entrepreneurship) programme which was a part of the state budget. Through the initiative, the government aims to support women in technology. The focus will be on Biotech, AgriTech, MedTech or Healthtech, and Cleantech. The budget for the incubation programme will be Rs 20 lakh which will be provided as grants.

Karnataka to start coal mining in Odisha

Bengaluru: Coal mining in Mandakini captive coal plant is being started in Odisha, to increase the thermal power generation. A thermal power plant is also being planned in Chattisgarh and a pumped power storage plant in Sharavathi, to increase power generation for Karnataka, said energy department additional chief secretary Gaurav Gupta, at the 55th Foundation Day celebrations of Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd

IT union opposes state's 14-hr workday proposal

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AFTER facing backlash from industries and businesses on the bill for job reservation for Kannadigas, the state government is again under fire, now from the Karnataka State IT/ ITES Employees Union (KITU), which claims that the government is planning to bring in amendments to relevant Acts to increase working hours for the IT and ITeS sector from 10 hours per day to 14 hours.

"The new bill, 'Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishment Act 2024', which is under consultation, has proposed to increase the working hours," KITU said, and expressed severe resistance to such amendments.

The proposal to amend the bill was presented at a meeting the labour department had with various stakeholders in the industry, KITU stated. "The bill denies the basic right of any worker to have a personal life. The Act which currently allows a maximum of 10 hours of work per day, including overtime, will be lifted and this will facilitate companies to extend the work hours indefinitely," it said.

"This amendment will allow companies to go for a two-shift system, instead of the current three-shift system. With this, one-third of the workforce will be thrown out of their employment," alleged Suhas Adiga, General Secretary, KITU, in a statement.

The bill comes at a time when other countries have accepted that overworking affects productivity and are looking at new legislation to help employees. But in Karnataka, it is quite the opposite, he commented.

Take advantage of OTS: BBMP chief to colleges

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BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girnath urged educational institutions under the BBMP jurisdiction to avail benefits of the one-time settlement (OTS) scheme by paying 25% service fee. The scheme provides significant concessions in property tax dues and the scheme ends on July 31.

Girinath on Saturday addressed heads of medical and engineering colleges and other educational institutions, asking them to pay outstanding service fees immediately and avail the benefit. The scheme provides full waiver of interest and half penalty on outstanding property tax. The service fee can be paid online or offline through banker's cheque/ pay order/ demand draft. "Inform the respective zonal joint commissioner that you can submit demand drafts for the outstanding service charges of your institutions," he said.

Vedanta's founder to talk on Guru Purnima

Bengaluru: The Founder of Vedanta Institute Bengaluru, Eswaran, will deliver a talk on Guru Purnima, Sunday (July 21) at 10.45 am at the Indian Institute of World Culture in Basavanagudi. The institute aims to serve society by disseminating Vedantic wisdom and promoting value-based living inspired by ancient Indian culture. It seeks to integrate productivity, prosperity, and stress-free living with modern lifestyles. The institute, through its logo, serves the message of service and sacrifice, guiding people toward enlightenment.

The state Forest Vigilance team and the police raided an ITI factory godown near KR Puram and seized sandalwood pieces worth over Rs 2 crore on Saturday. One accused was also arrested. During the raid, officials found over 50 pieces of sandalwood, which was collected illegally

Kannada TV series director Vino Dondale dies by suicide

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A 49-year-old well-known director of Kannada television serials, Vinod Dondale, ended his life by hanging at his residence in Nagarbhavi on Saturday morning. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Dondale had directed episodes of popular Kannada serials like 'Karimani,' 'Mouna Raga,' and 'Shantam Paapam'. He was set to direct the film 'Ashoka Blade'. The police said Vinod hanged himself at his house in Maruthinagar, Nagarbhavi. He left behind a death note stating that he is responsible for his death and he is taking the extreme step due to financial problem. The Chandra Layout police have registered an unnatural death case.

The Kannada television and film fraternity expressed condolences and shock over Dhondale's demise. Directors, actors and crew members who worked closely with him remembered him as a dedicated professional.

HELPLINE

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or Call, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, available Monday to Saturday.

HC CLOSES POCSO CASE AFTER YOUTH MARRIES VICTIM

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THE High Court of Karnataka, which recently granted interim bail to a 23-year-old youth from Mysuru to marry an 18-year-old girl he sexually assaulted when she was a minor, has quashed the criminal proceedings against him after he produced the marriage certificate on his return to jail.

While passing the order, Justice M Nagaprasanna made it clear that the Pocso proceedings will be revived if the accused left the girl, who now has a child from him, in the lurch after the closure of the case on account of their marriage.

This court permitted the accused to marry the victim after granting him interim bail. After their marriage, the accused is back in jail. If the proceedings are not quashed, it would have an adverse impact on the mother and child, who will have to face ignominy in society. In view of this, it is appropriate to close the proceedings and compound the offence, the court said.

The court passed the interim order to release the accused from jail on June 17 and return by July 3 with a condition that he should produce the marriage certificate on July 4. Accordingly, he returned to the jail and produced the certificate.

The accused and the girl, who was going to a school in Mysuru, were in love. On February 2, 2023, the accused took the girl to an isolated place and sexually assaulted her. After a case was registered the next day, the accused was sent to judicial custody.

Meanwhile, the girl gave birth to the child. The accused filed a petition for annulment of the proceedings against him. The counsels of the accused and the girl submitted that they were in love, but their parents were against it. They sought closure of these proceedings considering the accused's wish to marry the victim. Meanwhile, the DNA report produced before the court stated that the accused and the victim are the biological father and mother of the child.

The heap of garbage seen on the road near Vidhana Soudha on Friday (left) was removed on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

WASTE AT SOUDHA GATE CLEARED

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

Following a TNIE report on piles of garbage dumped at Karnataka's power corridor Vidhana Soudha, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) responded promptly by clearing the waste near Gate Number 2 (West).

The swift action comes a day after TNIE highlighted the issue with the headline 'Brand Bengaluru takes a beating near seat of power' published on July 19. The garbage that was lying uncleared since July 16 was removed and bleaching powder sprinkled in the area.

However, plastic water bottles, covers and other waste were still lying on the lawns of the Vidhana Soudha.

Speaker inspects Soudha after reports of water seepage

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FOLLOWING an alert from the media about water seepage near the gallery at the Vidhana Soudha due to rain in the last few days, Assembly Speaker UT Khader said he inspected the premises and will call a meeting with officials from the Department of Personal Administration, Public Works Department and Finance Department on Monday to fix the issue.

Speaking to *TNIE*, he said, "I am the custodian of only the first floor where the session takes place. I will discuss with officials and also the CM about complete maintenance of the Vidhana Soudha,"

He added that in the last 68 years, the premises were not maintained like it should have been done. "I am of the opinion that the Vidhana Soudha should also be maintained on the lines of Mysuru Palace and it should be beautified." He said as the building was built like a heritage structure, using modern tiles and cement or other material may result in the structure losing its charm, hence experts need to be consulted.

Cops sick of 'gaps' in Arogya Bhagya Yojana

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

LAUNCHED in 2002 to provide comprehensive healthcare to police personnel and their families, Arogya Bhagya Yojana (ABY) aims to offer cashless transactions and coverage even for pre-existing conditions.

However, police officers stated that the scheme is not being implemented effectively. Not all hospitals have been listed and those under the yojana refuse to reimburse expenses.

Over 170 hospitals, including 63 in the city, have been listed. But even for diseases, which require admission for four to five days or more, the expenses are not reimbursed, the officers said.

A senior officer said the contribution towards the scheme is Rs 200 to Rs 250 based on the ranks. However, the treatment management varies. The wards — general, semi-private, and private— are given based on the ranks and salary, resulting in health officials not providing prompt and proper care to those availing the benefits under the yojana. "Treatment provided in general wards is not effective compared to private wards, especially at the district level," the officer said.

While 63 hospitals have been listed in Bengaluru, districts such as Kodagu, Dharwad, Koppal, Ballari, Gadag, Ramanagara and Chikkaballapur have only one each listed.

The officer said, "During emergencies, people generally rush to the nearest hospital. If only one or two hospitals are listed in a district, how can one make a decision? Should we think about the scheme or just rush to get treatment?" Citing his own experience, the officer said he was admitted in a private hospital in the city for pneumonia. He received less than 50% reimbursement of his total expense of Rs 1.8 lakh.

Another officer stressed the need for a proactive nodal officer to coordinate and ensure quick and hassle-free treatment.

The officers said reimbursements are delayed due to administrative processes. However, this should not happen. Administrative delays should not impact timely reimbursements.

CRIME PATROL

TWO ARRESTED FOR DRIVING AWAY WITH EARTHMOVER

Bengaluru: Based on CCTV camera footage, the Halasuru police tracked down two of the four accused who had hoodwinked a security guard into letting them drive away with an earthmover from the City Civil Court premises. The accused are Shaktivel (50) and Sachin (45), both residents of Jigani. They are construction workers. The police said around 1 am on July 13, four accused arrived in a truck and fooled the security guard by lying that they were working as contruction workers inside the court premises and convinced him that they had to take the earthmover to another location where works are on. Trusting the accused's words, the security guard allowed the duo to take the vehicle. The earthmover driver found the vehicle missing and filed a police complaint, police said adding that search for the other two. **ENS**

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AND: The Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike,Births and Death Department, Bangaluru ... **RESPONDENT**

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1) I have been appointed as the Returning Officer by the Co-operative Election Authority and I shall also be the Returning Officer for the elections of Office-Bearers.
2) I have given below the election programme approved by the Election Authority.

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iii) Eligibility	: All the Members who are eligible as per the MSCS Act & Rules 2002 and bye-laws of the Society.		
iv) Issue and Filing of Nominations form	: 26.07.2024 to 02.08.2024	11 AM to 3 PM	Society Premises, Chennai - 6
v) Publication of List of Nominations Received	: 02.08.2024	5 PM	Notice Board of the Society
vi) Scrutiny of Nominations	: 03.08.2024	11 AM to 3 PM	Society Premises, Chennai - 6
vii) Publication of List of Valid Nominations	: 03.08.2024	5 PM	Notice Board of the Society
viii) Withdrawal of Nominations	: 05.08.2024 & 06.08.2024	11 AM to 3 PM	Society Premises, Chennai - 6
ix) Publication of final list of contesting Candidates	: 06.08.2024	5 PM	Notice Board of the Society
x) Date of Polling if necessary	: 12.08.2024	8 AM to 4 PM	Chennai/ Coimbatore/ Madurai/ Pondicherry/ Bangalore/ Hubli/ Hyderbad/ Ongole (Hall/ Centre Details will be Notified later through Regional Office and Divisional Office Notice Board)
xi) Counting of Votes and Declaration of Results	: 14.08.2024	8 AM to Till Declaration	Premises of the Society.

3) Elections will be conducted by secret ballot system only
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Place: Bengaluru. **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 20-07-2024 **IDBI Bank Limited**

After facing backlash from industries and businesses on the bill for job reservation for Kannadigas, the state government is again under fire, now from the Karnataka State IT/ ITeS Employees Union, which claims that the government is planning to bring in amendments to relevant Acts to increase working hours for the IT and ITeS sector from 10 hours per day to 14 hours

ACTION AGAINST 'CROOKS' WITH PLUM POSTINGS: DCM

DK Shivakumar says they were appointed to boards and corporations during BJP rule, will remove them after probe

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Saturday alleged that boards and corporations have some crooks who have continued with the plum postings and warned that the government will take action to remove them after an investigation.

"There were some crooks (khadeemaru in Kannada) in the system during the BJP tenure and they have continued in our term too. They had committed fraud to the tune of Rs 300 crore and we should be cautious about it. Clerks have been made superintendents and managing directors (MDs) of certain corporations and we will investigate such cases," he told reporters.

He was responding to a question on the government taking back around Rs 2,250 crore allocated to boards and corporations, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Friday. "This is to bring in transparency and we had informed the concerned chairpersons. The Finance Department will manage all their funds from now on," he said.

Deputy CM D K Shivakumar inaugurates a convention of presidents of Congress district and block committees in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Shivakumar, who met presidents of party district and block committees from across the state, said the party organisation at the grassroots will be revamped, keeping in view the ZP/TP and BBMP polls.

Office-bearers who contributed to the party will be rewarded with posts, while others will be dropped, he said. "We have to restructure the party at the block level. The current set of presidents has worked for the party for a long time and they need to be rewarded. The court may give the green signal for elections any time and we need to be prepared. We had called for a meeting to discuss these aspects," he added.

He said instructions have been issued to concerned MLAs and ministers to nominate only party workers to various government committees at the local level by ensuring social justice.

On the committee headed by Home Minister G Parameshwara on appointments to boards and corporations, he said it has received 7,000-8,000 applications. "We've instructed the committee to consider committed party workers from villages even if they have not sought nomination," he said.

Shivakumar claimed that the government has been able to protect the interest of farmers and yet follow court orders on releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu due to good rain in the state.

"The KRS will be full in a couple of days and the water will flow to Tamil Nadu. Water has been released to the canals already and we will take necessary steps to fill up tanks to help farmers in the state. Farmers need to be careful while planting paddy as we don't know how much water will eventually be available which will be decided after discussions with the agriculture department," he said.

"We have halted boating at the Ranganathittu bird sanctuary as a precautionary measure. A red alert has been issued for all areas along the river as water can be released from KRS anytime. There have been some casualties in coastal areas due to landslides. Our MLAs and party leaders are overseeing the rescue and relief works," he added.

On Union Minister for Steel and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy visiting Ankola and other rain-affected areas on Saturday, he asked with scepticism, "How will Kumaraswamy's visit help rain-affected people? He hasn't come with CRPF or something to help. Our MLAs have already visited the landslide sites. Our ministers Krishna Byre Gowda and Mankala Vaidya have already assessed the situation and are taking necessary action. Our government has taken all necessary steps. If Kumaraswamy is visiting these places, let him visit. But let's not do politics over rain disasters."

Job quota flip-flop: Need more nuanced approach

IT'S a classic case of well-intended legislation becoming a casualty of poor planning and bad execution.

The manner in which the Siddaramaiah government tried to push the Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories & Other Establishments Bill, 2024, and later put it on hold after backlash from industries showed that it had not done the groundwork properly before attempting to roll out a law with far-reaching implications. The bill proposed 50% reservation for Kannadigas in jobs in the private sector in the management category and 75% in the non-management category.

Given the current political tensions, it also provided some grist to the opposition's charge that the government was trying to use the bill to divert attention from a series of allegations, including a multi-crore scam in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation Limited, a state government undertaking. This has created a major stand-off between the government and the opposition in the ongoing monsoon session of the state legislature. Politics apart, the proposed law that has now been kept on ice and will likely come up for discussion in the cabinet on Monday, is directly linked to employment generation and attracting investments, while also impacting several other aspects that have a direct bearing on the state's economic growth. The government needs to handle it deftly.

However, sharp criticism from the industry leaders showed that the government was completely caught off guard. It is surprising, how the ministers and top bureaucracy failed to anticipate such a situation and made little effort to assure industries that it would not impact their competitive edge.

Failure to do due diligence sent the wrong message to the industry and prospective investors as well. It also caused a major embarrassment to the state government. Now, it will take a lot of effort and time to change the perception of the state in the private sector.

The lack of proper coordination and understanding between different ministries led to the stalling of the bill and industry captains were not briefed properly about the proposed law.

Those in the know of the developments claim the bill was drafted after extensive work in the government and it was vetted by the Law Department. It was also discussed in the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting before coming to the cabinet for approval.

The bill was then sent to the Parliamentary Affairs Department for further processing so the Labour Minister could table it in the assembly during the ongoing session. In fact, on July 17, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah tweeted about the cabinet approving the bill for reservation for Kannadigas in the private sector. Within hours, he put out another tweet stating that the bill was still in the preparation stage and that a final decision would be taken after a comprehensive discussion in the next cabinet.

Even those in the government admit that they made a mistake by not conveying the finer details of the bill to the stakeholders. Ideally, the government should formulate such policies in consultation with all the stakeholders. It should be made clear that it will not interfere with the working or selection process in the private sector, which continues to follow its recruitment system.

However, it is wrong to say that industries don't get talented manpower locally. Availability of skilled manpower, apart from pleasant weather and industry-friendly policies, is one of the reasons why the state is home to several top industries in many sectors and an undisputed leader in the IT/BT sector with 400 Fortune 500 companies currently present in the state.

While bringing in legislation to back Kannadigas, the government should send out a message that it is not hostile to people from other states working in Karnataka. People from across the country live and work here and call 'Namma Bengaluru' their home. They contribute to the city and state as much as anyone else. The whole approach of the policy should be inclusive and that is the message which needs to be sent out.

Also, the state government that gives unemployment dole, should focus more on working closely with the industries to upgrade the skill sets of graduating youth as per the industries' requirements. Though it is already being done, they need to scale it up.

As every state attempts to woo potential investors, a half-baked approach by the state government may force them to turn to other states. Hardly, a fraction of promised investments materialise. All this becomes even more important when the state is aiming at 15-16% growth annually to reach the goal of $1 trillion GDP by 2032.

The government is justified and even mandated to uphold the interests of its citizens, but it should not try to control the private sector or even give that impression. The industry must also respect the sentiments of the citizenry. The challenge is to strike that delicate balance and deliver the message correctly.

VALMIKI SCAM

Cong trying to cover up, says Ashoka

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah is trying to wash his hands off the scam in the Valmiki Corporation by blaming officials of financial irregularities, said Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka.

Speaking at a media conference on Saturday, the BJP leader said the Congress has taken a decision to cover up the scam. If the officers were involved in the irregularities, what was the CM doing? Ashoka said.

Siddaramaiah's mask has come off and it has been revealed how honest he is, the BJP leader said. He accused the government of diverting the ST Corporation money into the accounts of different individuals. The bank officials handed over the probe to the CBI, but the state government is trying to cover it up by giving the probe to a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

The BJP leader said the CM is giving advertisements to clarify his position and also claims that he is targeted as he is from the OBC community. Siddaramaiah is giving such statements as he has become jittery, he said and added that the CM is not clarifying about over 40 documents which the BJP provided, instead holding the corporation officials responsible for everything.

He said former minister Nagendra and MLA Basavanagowda Daddal worked hard for the Lok Sabha elections, and collected money for the Congress and sent it to Telangana.

Bhovi corporation will be renamed: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday announced that the Bhovi Development Corporation will be renamed as Bhovi-Vaddara Development Corporation through an amendment.

At a function to mark the 25th anniversary of the accession of Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamiji to the Bovi Gurupeeta, he said, "All that can be done legally will be done for the benefit of the Bhovi community, and special emphasis will be given to renaming of the corporation."

His government has always supported the community through various ways like forming the corporation, appointing a person from the community as member to the KPSC and allocating funds.

Promising to work towards uplifting the community socio-economically and educationally, Siddaramaiah said his government allocated Rs 31,127 crore for the development of scheduled caste communities on the basis of their population. He was also instrumental in providing reservation for SC and ST contractors in the government contracts.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah shares a light moment with Subudhayantra Swamiji of Sri Raghavendra Math and Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamiji of Bhovi Gurupeet in Chitradurga on Saturday | EXPRESS

Stressing on the need to provide education, the CM called upon parents to provide quality higher education as it is a major indicator of development. He assured them of providing funds for the development of educational institutions run by the Bhovi Gurupeet.

"If everyone is educated, the real meaning of political independence will be achieved as depicted by father of Indian constitution Dr BR Ambedkar. We should strive in this regard," the CM told the gathering.

Earlier, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi urged the chief minister to ensure that people from the community get priority during allocation of stone crushers and quarries in the state as they primarily depend on this.

He also said ever since Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamiji took over the reigns of the Bhovi mutt, real development of the community started. He too stressed the need for renaming the corporation.

Pavagada MLA Venkatesh V requested the chief minister to provide 10 per cent reservation for the community while providing licences for stone quarries in state. Along with this, he also wanted increase in the grants to Rs 500 crore for the corporation.

After BJP, DSS to protest against govt for diversion of SCSP/TSP grants

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE Congress government, mired in alleged scams, now, it seems, has to face the wrath of Dalit organisations over the alleged diversion of SCSP/TSP (Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan & Tribal-Sub Plan) grants to fund the guarantees. BJP too had raised the issue outside and inside Vidhana Soudha, during the ongoing joint session of the legislature with Leader of Opposition R Ashoka alleging that the ruling Congress government had cheated SC/STs.

DSS leaders Mavalli Shankar and Indhudhar Honnapura, both sympathisers of Siddaramaiah, held a joint press conference here on Saturday and came down heavily against Congress for allegedly cheating the Dalits. "Before the Assembly elections, they did not say they would use SCSP/TSP grants to fund the guarantees. Around Rs 14,000 crore has been diverted to fund the guarantees. We fought against BJP and backed Congress, but this government has been doing great injustice to us," alleged Mavalli Shankar.

He urged the government to reveal what has happened to the SCSP/TSP grants and ensure that the money already allocated be used for the welfare of the communities. "If this is not taken seriously, we will take to the streets in the entire state," he warned.

The guarantees are the general schemes and SCSP/TSP grants cannot be diverted to fund them as it will go against the objective of empowering the SC/ST communities, observed a DSS leader.

But ministers from SC/ST communities, including Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, have defended the government's move to divert SCSP/TSP grants, saying the communities are benefiting proportionate to their population.

"The Congress government brought in the SCSP/TSP Act to allocate the funds for the welfare of SC/STs proportionate to their population. Let BJP prove whether we have violated Section 7, A, B and C of the Act. The previous BJP government had made the provision under Section 7D and diverted Rs 8,000 crore as deemed expenditure, but we had removed that," claimed Priyank Kharge.

PARIS OLYMPICS

9 K'TAKA ATHLETES TO GET ₹5L EACH

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced Rs 5 lakh each for the nine athletes from Karnataka who are representing India in the Paris Olympics. Karnataka Olympic Association President and Chief Minister's Political Secretary Dr K Govindaraju had appealed to sanction Rs 5 lakh each as an incentive for athletes of the state. Responding to this request, the CM has sanctioned the amount. The Olympic Games will be held in Paris from July 26 to August 11. Govindaraju thanked the CM for encouraging the sportspersons. ENS

Wildlife warrior Godilla Vishwanatha Reddy, a sincere, humble conservationist

DR K ULLAS KARANTH

I FIRST met forester GV Reddy, who passed away on July 14, 2024, way back in 1997 when I began camera-trap surveys of tigers in Ranthambore. The forest bureaucracy, which he was a part of, was then mandating the obsolete "pugmark census" method to assess tiger populations. Because of my early scientific critiques of their methods, I was then considered a heretic by devotees of that tradition.

Reddy was already quite a legend, having rescued Ranthambore from the spree of poaching, wood cutting and cattle herding, which threatened its very existence just before he stepped in to stem the destruction. Although Reddy implemented the pugmark census rituals, a trained botanist, he kept an open mind, and gradually began to appreciate the rigour and practicality of the modern methods of animal monitoring I was trying to usher in. This was the reason why Reddy later took a three-year study leave to do a PhD under my supervision in Nagarahole, free from distractions of managing Ranthambore, as I had insisted.

That was when I saw at close quarters Reddy's genuine humbleness and sincerity. Despite holding the senior rank of a Conservator, Reddy chose to live in a two-room forest guard hut in northern Nagarahole. He walked the line transects with his tribal trackers, far away from his family in Mysuru. He physically slogged in the field collecting data, exactly like trained field biologists and their assistants do. Finally, he obtained a PhD from Manipal University, publishing his fine research in the prestigious Springer Monograph series. Reddy's results clearly showed that effective wildlife and habitat conservation must necessarily be rooted in strong protection against human impacts, regardless of any other ancillary conservation approaches adopted.

As it happens in India's official systems, Reddy then languished in a position which had little to do with wildlife protection or science-based conservation. At that juncture, I was able to recommend his name to my friend, the legendary conservationist Mike Griffith in Indonesia, to head a massive, internationally-funded project in Sumatra. Here, Reddy had to lead and manage a 15,000 sqkm rainforest -- Gunung Leuser National Park -- against severe threats from poaching and illegal logging, which threatened its rhinos, tigers, elephants, and orangutans.

Forester GV Reddy (left) and scientist Dr K Ullas Karanth examine a tiger kill

Reddy's dedication and expertise in hard core wildlife protection, in combination with his monk-like austerity and philosophical mindset, soon earned him a reputation among Indonesian conservationists and officials. Everyone called him "Pa Reddy" -- an honorific that elevated him to the role of the father of a joint family.

After Reddy returned to India, the "system" here once again did not value his scientific and managerial skills. The role to which he was best fitted, that of leading Project Tiger in India eluded him. I made several attempts to bring Reddy into the non-governmental conservation arena as my successor to lead the WCS India Program that I headed for three decades. However, I had to defer to what his earliest and staunchest mentors -- Valmik Thapar and other Tiger Watchers of Ranthambore wanted. They finally managed to convince the "system" to elevate him as the Chief Wildlife Warden, and later, Head of the Forest Force, in Rajasthan. He served both posts with great distinction until his retirement a few years ago.

Throughout Reddy's remarkable career, with all its ups and downs, his strong-willed and devoted wife Shobha played a stellar supportive role, from which he undoubtedly derived much sustenance.

A week I spent with him travelling around wild areas of Rajasthan after he had retired, forcefully demonstrated what a strong leader of forest men Reddy was. Wherever we went, forest watchers and guards and rangers literally fell at his feet, recounting one or other instance of his kindness and support: they included many who Reddy had punished harshly for some transgression or other! Those were proud moments for me when he invariably introduced me as his "Guru" to these men, although all I had done was to teach him a few tricks of the wildlife science trade! Memories of the moral convictions, devotion to duty and the genuine humbleness of this remarkable wildlife warrior will forever remain with me.

(The writer is a well-known tiger scientist)

74-year-old noted agriculturist Kamala Pujari, known for her contribution to the field of organic farming and preserving rare and indigenous paddy seeds, passed away in Cuttack on Saturday. Her mortal remains will be cremated with full state honours on Sunday

K'taka declares fees for '24-25 engg courses

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Department for Higher Education on Saturday released the new fee structure for engineering and architecture colleges for the academic year 2024-25.

As per the notification, for University of Mysore and VTU, and all seats for government colleges, the fees will be capped at Rs 42,116. For UVCE the fees is fixed at Rs 47,250.

Fees for government quota seats in private aided engineering colleges is capped at Rs 42,116. Students under management quota, can pay post signing a consent agreement. For 45% government seats for non-minority in private unaided colleges, the fee is capped at Rs 76,135 or Rs 84,596 for different categories. The fees for 30% seats reserved through COMED-K is fixed at Rs 1,86,111 or Rs 2,61,477, based on categories.

Students in unaided private engineering colleges shall pay the first-year fee not exceeding Rs 20,000 per annum, to KEA, read the notification.

TN AMMONIA GAS LEAK

30 staffers of fish factory hospitalised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Thoothukudi

AS many as 30 female workers and a fire safety officer of a private seafood processing and exporting unit in Pudurpandiapuram have been hospitalised following the alleged ammonia gas leak on Friday night. According to hospital sources, the victims are stable and are recovering.

Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare and Skill Development Minister CV Ganesan, along with Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Minister Geetha Jeevan, Fisheries Minister Anitha R Radhakrishnan and Ottapidaram MLA M C Shanmugaiah, visited the hospitalised workers.

According to sources, the female employees working the night shift were on their break on Friday night, when smoke began billowing out from the cold storage unit located some 100 metres away. The women were hit by the smoke — which had a pungent smell according to one victim — causing them to suffocate and faint. It is alleged that an ammonia leak caused the women to faint immediately, sources added.

An employee at the unit stated the fire at the cold storage was caused by an electrical failure. "Cables sandwiched between the cold storage wall and the PUF (polyurethane foam) panels, a thermal insulator, triggered the fire which gutted a portion of the unit. A PUF panel was charred, which produced the smoke," he said.

Speaking to TNIE, a worker from Odisha recalled she had been chatting with her workmates when she was engulfed by smoke. "Many others sitting next to me began shouting and fell down," she added. Another worker said, "The power supply was cut immediately, drowning the premises in darkness. Every worker began running helter-skelter, leading to more injuries."

Missing driver's kin unhappy with rescue ops

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Shirur (Ankola)

DESPITE heavy rain, rescue and restoration works at the landslide site on the National Highway in Shirur continued on Saturday and the search is also on to locate missing people. But, a truck driver, Arjun, who has gone missing, has not been traced yet.

Arjun was on his way to Kerala when he went missing along with his truck. He had started his journey from Jagalpet loading timber and was driving towards his home state. He had stopped to have tea at Lakshman Naik's eatery at Shirur when the mishap occurred.

His family came to know about his disappearance, and arrived from Kerala to the landslide spot. Though the teams involved in rescue operations have been trying hard to trace Arjun, his family alleged that the rescue teams were not doing enough to trace Arjun.

Expressing dissatisfaction, the aggrieved family has written to Uttara Kannada DC Lakshmi Priya and others, appealing to search for his body. However, there has been no result so far.

The coconut palms destroyed in the recent landslide at Ulluvare village

Boy's arm found at landslide site

A boy's arm was found at Shirur landslide sight while restoration was under progress. Locals claimed it belonged Lakshman Naik's 10-year-old son Roshan, whose body was found earlier. However, police say that DNA test needs to be conducted, as more people could be burried under the rubble.

'WE ARE LEFT WITH NOTHING NOW'

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"WHAT surprised us was that the water that rose from the river was hot. Within minutes, around 27 houses collapsed in the village," said Krishnegouda.

When minister Mankal Vaidya and Karwar–Ankola MLA Satish Sail visited Ulluvare on Saturday, many affected people appealed to shift them from the village to a safe place. "We do not want to live here. Shift the village to a safe place," said Durgi Shivu Gouda, who was in tears. "We have been left with nothing now. Not even proper clothes to wear," she told Vaidhya and Sail. Nagesh Eshwar Ambig, a fisherman, said, "The village has around 27 families. Each family had three to four fishing boats. All our boats, fishing nets and other equipment have been swept away."

Compensation

Vaidya, who consoled the villagers, gave Rs 10,000 as compensation to each family. Those under treatment in local hospitals were also given Rs 10,000 each. "We both paid Rs 4.5 lakh as compensation to the affected people from our personal bank accounts," Vaidya said. In addition to it, the state government has given Rs 5,000 to each family to purchase essential items, including clothes. There is a provision to provide Rs 25,000 each to fishermen who lost their boats and fishing nets, Vaidya said. He said Rs 1. 5 lakh each has been paid to those who lost their houses partially and Rs 5 lakh to the family members of those killed in the massive landslide.

Referring to the "explosion", Vaidya said, "It appears that one of the fuel tankers, which fell into the river, exploded.

₹50K cr was looted during BJD rule every year: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bhubaneswar/Puri

PROMISING a major crackdown on corruption in the state, the BJP on Saturday launched a strident attack on the previous BJD government alleging a whopping ₹50,000 crore was looted every year under its regime.

Moving a political resolution in its first extended state executive meeting at Puri after being elected to power, the party asserted that it will provide a transparent, efficient and corruption-free government to the people, who have been subjected to 24 long years of anarchy.

Addressing the meeting, Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi said that his government will probe all corruption cases of the BJD government and stringent action will be taken against those found guilty.

He said the previous government had done a massive loot of public money. The Narendra Modi government has provided more than ₹18 lakh crore of central assistance to Odisha in the last 10 years but there was no visible development in the state. Odisha is at the bottom of all indexes be it health, education, industry, agriculture or providing justice to the people. "This showed that the regional party was busy in self-propaganda than working for the development and welfare of the people," he said.

Revenue minister Suresh Pujari said, "We remembered the dark days of the state under the BJD misrule. The BJD government was looting more than ₹50,000 crore every year under 5T programme. BJP is committed to ensure a transparent and efficient government with zero tolerance to corruption."

Pujari said 25 years is a long time for any government. "Yet, the BJD had failed to bring development to the state as lawlessness and corruption were all-pervasive," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Nandyal case suspect tries to escape, dies

Kurnool: In a new development in the rape and murder of an 8-year-old girl in Muchumarri of Nandyal district, a 35-year-old Hussain, who was held for questioning, died while being shifted to a police station on Saturday. He was the uncle of one of the three minors, who allegedly had confessed to the police of committing the crime. The police said that he tried to escape from the police jeep,and succumbed to his injuries.

K'taka-TN foresters' meet held in BNP

Bengaluru: Forest officials from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu held a inter-state meeting to discuss man-elephant conflict management. The meeting was held to ensure better coordination between the states and ensure seamless dissemination of information flow regarding elephant movement. The TN officials also inspected the newly installed steel wire rope barricade at BNP.

Drunk friends kill youth over a tiff

Bengaluru: A 22-year-old youth was killed and another was injured during a fight among a group of friends in Hoysalanagar, Bengaluru on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Manoj, an employee at a private firm, and the injured is Antony (23). The police said that around six friends broke into an argument that escalated quickly, and the victims were hit on the head with an iron rod. Police have registered a case.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property belonging to **Sri. S.Manjunath**, S/o. Late K.P. Shankarappa, aged about 60 Years, R/at Kariyappanahalli Village, Bannerghatta Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, having title to the Property concerned as per the documents verified.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within Seven **(07) days** from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule properties. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claimants/ objections to the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Land bearing Land bearing Sy.No.32/7, Old Sy.No.32/5, measuring 0-13 Guntas including 0-01 gunta of Kharab, situated at Mantapa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: **East by:** Land belongs to John, **West by:** Land belongs to Nanjapparedy, **North by :** Land belongs to S.P. Muniyappa, **South by :** Bannerghatta Road.

N. RAJKUMAR, Advocate
No.168, 3rd Floor, Kilari Road
1st Cross, Bangalore-560 053.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into a Sale Agreement to purchase below mentioned property from SHABEENA PARVEEN. A @ SHABEENA PARVEEN AYUB, age 51 years, W/o. Shamshuzama Khan, No.173, Phase-1, Royal Lake Front Residency, Kothanur Lake, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560078.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim over Schedule Property, may contact the undersigned with all relevant papers/title deeds and submit their objections in writing, within seven days, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Municipal No.797, 17th 'C' Cross, 6th Phase, J.P. Nagar, BBMP Ward No.178- Sarakki, PID No.57-213-797, Bangalore, formerly Site No.797, formed by B.D.A. in 6th Phase, J.P. Nagar Layout, Bangalore, along with residential house, measuring East to West 7.60 meters, North to South 9.14 meters, totally measuring 69.46 square meters, and bounded on East by Property No.796, West by Property No.798, North by Road & South by Property No.808.

S. RAMESH KUMAR, Advocate
231, I Floor, Lakshmi Nivasa
S.C. Road, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-560009. Mobile: 9845359588
Bangalore, Date : 20/07/2024.

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Chief Engineer, (P & SCM),
Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_679765_1
PAC: Rs. 27,05,81,850/-; Last Date-: 26.07.2024, 04.00 pm
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in
Ref: PR/MC1/E506/E-tender/2024

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible contractors in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 01.08.2024 upto 4.00 p.m.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	**Annual maintenance of Surya Elegance Apartments in Suryanagara phase-1, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru for the year 2024-25.** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/OW/work_indent 252 & IFT No. 25/2024-25 Date: 10.07.2024. **Amount put to tender Rs.1,05,42,733/-.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No.080-22273511 / 080-22100077 web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO1011/24-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

NATIONAL SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED(NSC)
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
22-C, SIDCO (N), INDL. ESTATE, AMBATTUR, CHENNAI-600 050
Tel: 044 - 26256192, 26242363

No: 4/OS/PRODN/NSC-CHN/2024-2025/4 Date: 20.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(I). e-Tenders are invited from the reputed Seed Producer / Supplier for supply of Millets and Oil seeds (**e--tender ID-No: 4/OS/PRODN/NSC-CHN/2024-2025/4**)

(II).Due date and time of Tender bid submission for supply is **25.07.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs.**

For detailed information log on to the website **https://indiaseeds.enivida.com** and **www.indiaseeds.com**

REGIONAL MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(ID, PORTS & I.W.T. DEPARTMENT)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PORT & FISHERIES DIVISION,
2nd FLOOR, SHAMILI HALL, AMBALAPADY, UDUPI-576103
Website: www.kpwd.gov.in Tel &Fax No:0820-2532961 E-Mail: pfdudupi@gmail.com
No:EE: P&FD: DVN: Udupi:EOI: :2024-25: Dt. 18-07-2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Karnataka Maritime Board invites Expression of Interest from registered companies/ experienced firms/Empanelled Consultants/Agencies who have executed similar nature of work for the descriptions mentioned below. The interested registered companies/ experienced firms/ Empanelled Consultants/ Agencies are requested to submit their Expression of Interest for the above work. The tenderers may submit EOI for work given in the table throughe-procurement portal (KPPP) of the Government of Karnataka

(Indent Number; IDD/2024-25/PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_13)

Name of the Work: Procurement, Supply and installation of T-type 10 tonne cast iron bollard with anchor fasteners and chemical anchoring for first and second stage of Mangalore fishery harbour in Dakshina Kannada district.

Description: (1) Procurement, Supply and installation of T-type 10 tonne cast iron bollard with anchor fasteners and chemical anchoring for first and second stage of Mangalore fishery harbour in Dakshina Kannada district Supply and installation of a T-type 10-ton cast iron bollard made from ductile cast iron (spheroidal graphite cast iron) conforming to ASTM A536 or BS EN 1563 standards as determined by the manufacturer along with anchor fasteners, M24 Stud for 10 ton 'T' type bollard (Material: M.S. GALV. GR.8.8); M24 Nut (Material: M.S GALV); M24 Washer (Material: M.S. GALV). The bollard must be chemically anchored by drilling a 28 mm diameter hole to a depth of 450 mm, then securing an M24/450 mm Hit V rebar with injectable mortar. The quoted rate must include all associated costs for transportation, equipment hire, labor for machinery operation, as well as any expenses for transportation, labor, dismantling, and installation, complete with all necessary incidental charges for the successful completion of the work and the work must be completed according to the Engineer's instructions.

Units:- Nos, Rates Figures (Rs.):..... Words:..... Amount: .....

Submit your Complete furnished Rates excluding all applicable taxes to the under signed **before 25-07-2024.** The quotation rates are purely used for obtaining estimation sanction and evaluation of Tender purpose only and not for Awarding the Contract.

For any other information and further details contact the above address and phone numbers. The contractor should submit hard copy of Technical details on or before: **24-07-2024** to this office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/146/24-25 Dt.20.07.2024

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/EE-2/Tender-11/2024-25 Date: 19.07.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

The tenders have been invited for **Construction of MDRS Residential School in Navali, Koppal District, Construction of (SC) Hostel in Kodigehalli, Bengaluru Urban District, Providing facility for Sports to MDRS School at Koujalagi Taluk in Belagavi District, Construction of Retaining wall and other water supply repair works respectively (Tender Indent No. 127, 327, 138/call-2, 107/call-2, 308, 266, 326 and 320)** through e-Portal vide website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **19.07.2024.** The last date for receipt of tenders is **02.08.2024 and 16.08.2024.** The details may be viewed in the above website.

Note: Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-Procurement portal only.

DIPR/CP/YC/997/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer-2
KREIS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule of property from its owners: **1.Sri.Magaji Krishnaswamy Prabhakar** S/o late Sri.M.H.Krishnaswamy, **1a) Sri.M.P.Krishna** S/o Sri.M.K.Prabhakar, **1b) Kumari Tanvi.K.Magaji** D/o Sri.M.P.Krishna **1c) Kumari Ridhi.K.Magaji** D/o Sri.M.P.Krishna Sl.no. 1d) & 1e) being minors are rep., by their natural guardian mother Smt.Vaijayanathi.K.Magaji **1d) Magaji Prabhakar Adarsh** S/o Sri.M.K.Prabhakar Sl.No.1, 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) & 1(d) are r/at No. 81, Shankar Matt, Parallel Road, Opp., Shankar Puram, Basavanagudi Post, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560078 **2) Sri.Sreenivas.M.N.,** S/o late Sri. Nagendrasa.M.H., **2a) Mr.Aditya.M.S.** S/o Sri.Sreenivas M.N., **2b) Mrs.Tejaswini.M.S.,** D/o Sri.Sreenivas Magaji Nagendrasa, Sl.No.2, 2(a) & 2(b) are r/at No.No.2, 3rd Cross, Lalbagh Road, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru-560027, **3) Sri.Vasanth Kumar.M.N.,** S/o Sri. Magaji Honnasa Nagendrasa **3a) Mr.Karthik Vasanth** S/o Sri.Vasanth Kumar.M.N., **3b) Kumari Vishaka Karthik** D/o Mr.Karthik VasanthSl.No.3 and 3(a) & 3(b) are r/at No.2, 3rd Cross, Lalbagh Road, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027, represent that they are the absolute owner of the schedule property and has good marketable, right title and interest therein and that apart from him there are no other persons/s having any right or claim over the schedule property and that they have not entered into any agreements/ memorandum of understanding etc., for sale or creation of rights therein. The owner further represents that they have not mortgaged, created any right, interest and lien or encumbered the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner with any person.

It is hereby informed the General Public that a charge, lien, mortgage right title or interest etc., on the schedule property, shall with documentary evidence should notify the undersigned and lodge their objection/s or claims **within fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential **property bearing Municipal No.68/8 (formerly site No.3 in block No.2 in Municipal Old no.1), PID No.48-55-68/8, having C.T.S. No.2360, measuring east to west: 70 ft., North to South: 40 ft., totally measuring 2,800 sft.,** out of the entire measurement of east to west on the northern side:71 ft.., on the southern side 70 ft., and north to south: 110 ft., in all measuring 7,785 sft., which is bounded on east by: vacant site left for 30 ft., Road, west by: Talam Subbaiah's Quarters and property of Annyappa & others, north by: Site No.4 of Block No.2 & south by: Vacant site No.2 of Block No.2, situated at **Lalbagh Fort Road, Doddamavalli, Bengaluru within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.48 (Sudhamanagar)** and the property being sold is bounded on:

East by: Common Passage, of 30 ft., wide road
West by: Private property,
North by: Remaining portion of site No.3 of Sri. M.K.Prabhakar, M.N.Sreenivas
South by: Remaining portion of site No.3 of Sri.M.K.Prabhakar, M.N.Sreenivas & others

Rajendra.S.Angadi, Advocate
Angadi Associates
S.V.Angadi, Sujata.S.Angadi, Rajendra.S.Angadi, Advocates,
No.24, Pipeline Main Road Next to 7th B Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003.
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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Jayanagar Shopping Complex Branch, Bengaluru ,

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Jayanagar Shopping Complex Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: Jiss George, Present Address: NCC CO LTD Barwa Commercial Avenue, Satwa Green, Doha,Qatar, PO BOX -23444, **Permanent Address:** Njondikkal House,Thekkenaka, Paloorkav PO,Idukki District,Kerala PIN 685532, **Guarantor: Jintesh M J** ,Address: Mangaleth, Padichira, Mullankolli,Wayanad, Kerala 673579

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	0408662000011	NRE HL	07.08.2019	Rs 58,00,000/-

Total Liability as on date: **Rs.6115966.74** (Rupees Sixty one lakhs fifteen thousand nine hundred sixty six paise seventy four only) + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Date of NPA: 03.07.2020 **Demand Notice Date:12.07.2024**

Schedule B : Residential Property: Flat no 307,Located on the Third Floor, Tower 2, Project:Midhila Delux.Super Built up area 1330 sq ft one car parking space constructed on land bearing property no s 5, 6, 7,8,9,14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 16,17,18,19,20,21,25,A 26,27and 28 assigned BBMP khata no 1324/866/5 presently comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Situated at Marythi Nagar,Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangaluru, (Undivided right on the property measuring 372.4 sq ft in the land measuring 32265 sq ft).

Name of Title Holder: Jiss George

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered to all the above borrower/ Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Place : Bangalore
Date : 12.07.2024

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ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಾಡೆಲ್ ಹೌಸ್,
ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 001.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾ.ಅ./ಲೋ.ಇ./ಗು.ಭ.ವಿ./ಬೆಂ./ಸ.ಇಂ-6/ಎಂಪ್ಯಾನೆಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್/2024-25/688 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19-07-2024

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ – ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸುವಿಕೆ
(Empanelment of Consultants – Expression of Interest)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಲಯದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಲೋ.ಇ.ಗು.ಭ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳ ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳ ಕ್ಯಾಲಿಬ್ರೇಷನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಸರ್ವೀಸಿಂಗ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ (eeqcpwddvn@yahoo.co.in) ಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 26-07-2024 ರಿಂದ 16-08-2024 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.** ಈ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್‌ಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

1) ಈ **Empanelment** ಅವಧಿಯು 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವುದು. 2) ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರನ್ನು ಯೋಜನೆಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಆಧರಿಸಿ **Category I, II, III, IV** ಎಂದು ವರ್ಗೀಕರಿಸಿ **Empanel** ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. 3) **Category IV** 2.00 ಕೋಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತದ, **Category III** 10.00 ಕೋಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತದ, **Category II** 20.00 ಕೋಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತದ, **Category I** ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತದ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿಗೆ **Request for Proposals (RFP)** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 4) **Category IV** ರಲ್ಲಿ **Empanel** ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಲಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಯಾವುದಾದರು ಒಂದು ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಿಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಗುಣಭರವಸೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾಲಯ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿಯಾದ ನಂತರ, ವಿಭಾಗವಾರು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಅವಶ್ಯವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಪಡೆದು ವಿಭಾಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುರವರು ಆದೇಶಿಸುವಂತೆ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗುವರು. 5) **Category III** ರಲ್ಲಿ **Empanel** ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಲಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಯಾವುದಾದರು ಒಂದು ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವೃತ್ತವನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವೃತ್ತದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಗುಣಭರವಸೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ 6) **Category I** ಮತ್ತು **II** ರಲ್ಲಿ **Empanel** ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಲಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗುಣಭರವಸೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 7) ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರಿಗೆ ಇರಬೇಕಾದ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅದರಂತೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರ Empanelment ಅನ್ನು **ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ : ಲೋ.ಇ : 95; ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಎಸ್ : 2020 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10-06-2020** ರನ್ವಯ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ವಯ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಯಂತಿರಬೇಕು. ಇ-ಮೇಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಮೂಲ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಈ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಾಗಿ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **05-08-2024** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರು ಸದರಿ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ವಾಸಾಇ/ಬೆಂ.ಸ./1020/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2024-25 ಲೋ. ಇ. ಗುಣ ಭರವಸೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

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A reputed higher education institution invites Expressions of Interest from Registered Travel Agencies to conduct international / domestic study tours for college students. Interested parties can submit their application in A4 sheet, enclosing proof of annual turnover, Number of study tour conducted in the last 5 years to **mv@svpitm.ac.in on or before 30th July 2024.**

Director.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client is **Smt.Kalavathi** W/o Sri, G.Muniraju R/at, No.104, Munipoovanna Block, Manorayanaplya R.T.Nagar Post Bangalore-560032, she had purchased Property from Sri,K.Tomy S/o C.D.Tomy, through register Sale deed and Gift Deed, Sale Deed Dated: 02/03/2016, book No.1, Document.No.BKJ-1-4732-2015-16, register before the Hebbala Sub-register at Bangalore, and Gift Deed Dated 13/01/2021, the said original register Sale deed and Gift Deed was misplaced or lost by her and She Lodge the complainant dated : 19/07/2024 and get the Acknowledgment No.1151917/2024, if anyone found the aforesaid original documents, kindly contact **within 7 days** from the date this publication at the office address given below.

K R ANANDA BABU Advocate
#7, 3rd floor, Amar Towers, 1st cross, Gandhi Nagara, Bengaluru - 560009 Mobile: 9731759955
Date: 20/07/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client s intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property belonging to **Sri. N.P. Munyappa,** S/o. Pillappa, aged about 66 Years, R/at Bannerghatta Village and Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, having title to the Property concerned as per the documents verified.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within Seven **(07) days** from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule properties. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claimants/ objections to the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.32/5, measuring 0-13 Guntas, situated at Mantapa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: **East by:** Land belongs to John, **West by :** Land belongs to Nanjappareddy, **North by :** Remaining Land in same survey number, **South by:** Land belongs to S. Manjunath.

N. RAJKUMAR, Advocate
No.168, 3rd Floor, Kilari Road
1st Cross, Bangalore-560 053.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property belonging to **Sri. N.A. Raghurama,** S/o. Late N.T. Annaiah, aged about 64 Years, R/at No.1, Male Nallasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru -560083, having title to the Property concerned as per the documents verified.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within Seven **(07) days** from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule properties. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claimants/ objections to the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.32/3, (Old No.32), measuring 0-21 Guntas, situated at Nallasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: **East by:** Land allotted to the share of Shwetha & Kavitha in Sy.No.32, **West by:** Land allotted to the share of N.A. Nagaraj in Sy.No.32, **North by:** Land belongs to Sundaramurthy, **South by:** Land in Sy.No.39.

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इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
KAMALANAGAR BRANCH
No.353/A & 354, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, 8th Main, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Kamalanagar Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Name of the Borrower: 1) Mrs Monika SR W/o. Muruli V, No.275/5, Site No. 96, Khata No.934, 9th Cross, Bagalgunte, Bengaluru-560073. **2) Mr Muruli V S/o Venkateshappa,** No.275/5, Site No.96, Khata No.934, 9th Cross, Bagalgunte, Bangalore-560073.
Date of NPA on 14/06/2024

Outstanding Amount: Rs.34,37,559/- (Thirty four lakh thirty seven thousand Five hundred fifty nine only) as on 14/06/2024 + interest and expreses thereon.
Mortgaged assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable property no.934 situated at Bagalgunte village yeshwathpura Hobli Banagalore north Taluk now falling within BBMP jurisdiction in Ward no. 14 Bagalgunte measuring East to West 57 feet & North to south 16 feet in total measuring 912 s /feet.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 15.06.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Indian Bank**

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IFT No.: IGICH/ADMN/ELE/47/2022-ACCTS-IGICH Date: 20.07.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER

(Through GoK e-Portal Platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by the director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore-560029 from eligible tenderers for the following work hereunder :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Indent Number	Approx. Value of Work (Rs.)	E.M.D. (Rs.)
1	Construction of Lift Room and Providing 20 Passengers Lift with Electrification works Adjuscent to Stair Case at Auditorium at IGICH Bangalore.	DME/ 2024-25/ BD/ WORK _INDENT 23	Rs.50,10,000/-	Rs.1,00,500/-

Form No: **KW2.** Period of completion : **02 Months**. Class of Contractor: **Class 2 and above**. Tender Processing Charges: **As per kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Tender Documents may be downloaded from: **21.07.2024.** Date and time for Pre-bid Meeting: **07.08.2024 at 4.00 PM.** Place of Pre-bid Meeting: **Office of Director, IGICH, Bengaluru.** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **20.08.2024 upto 4.30 PM.** Last Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid : **21.08.2024 at 4.30 PM.**

For further detail visit GoK e-portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk on 080-25501216, 080-25501227.

Sd/- Director
DIPR/CP/BCPL/1021/2024-25 **Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health**

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
BENGALURU CANTONMENT BRANCH
No.35, Lady Curzon Road, Shivai Nagar, Bengaluru.

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Name of the Borrower: 1) Mr. Sthanam Anil Kumar S/o. Balasubrahmanayam, Sthanam Shiva Paradise Flat No.007, Ground Floor, Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061. **Also at:** No.415/1, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main LB Shastri Nagar, HAL Post, Bangalore-560017. **Date of NPA on 29.05.2024**
Outstanding Amount on 19.06.2024 : Rs.24,87,734.06/- + interest and expenses thereon.
Schedule A Property : Item No.1 - All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No.21,22,39 and 40, Khata No.13, (duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR(S)/02/2004-15 dated 12.04.2004, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttararahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: (90.0" +97'5") /2, feet and North to South 50'0" feet , totally measuring 4687.5 Sft, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Banaglore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.184-Uttarahalli, and **bounded on:** East by: Private property of L Krishnappas family, West by: 30 feet road, North by: Site No.23 and 28, South by: Site No.20 and 41.
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.23,24,37 and 38, Khata No.13, (duly converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purposs vide conversion order bearing no.BDS.ALN.SR(s) /02/2004-05 district Bangalore) situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, measuring East to West 97'5" +102'0" /2 feet and north to south 50'0" feet, totally measuring 9676.5 Sft, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.184-Uttarahalli, and **bounded on:** East by: Private Property of L Kishnappas family, West by: 30 feet road, North by: Common passage and site nos 36 and 25, South by: Site No.22 and 39

COMPOSITE PROPERTY OF ITEM NO. 1 & 2 OF SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing site no.21, 22, 23,24,37, 38, 39 and 40, Khata No.13, present BBMP Khata No.246/21,22,23, 24,37,38,39 & 40, carved out of Converted Sy.No. (duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR(S)/02/2004-15 dated 12.04.2004, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Uttarahalli Ward No.184-Bangalore, Totally measuring 9676.50 Sq.ft, and **bounded on:** East by: Private Property of L Kishnappas Family, West by: 30 feet road, North by: Common passage and site nos 36 and 25, South by: Site No.20 and 41

Schedule B Property : 270 sft undivided share, right title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule "A" property mentioned above together with two bedroom apartment bearing No.007, in the Ground Floor, measuring 1040sft of super built up area, with vitrified tiles flooring, with one car parking be the part be the part of multistoried building residential complex known as" SHIVA PARADISE -1 "constructed on the schedule A Property along with one half part in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartments and the floor of the space above it and internal and external walls such level as with concealed wiring with proportionate share in common access and areas of the building like entrance foyer, common corridors in all floors Staircase including landing upto the terrace, machine room, housing and lift machineries of passenger elevator along with necessary cabin, winches and motor etc, pump sets, houses in pump room along with necessary valves starters etc .. and common areas electrical systems and **bounded on the:** East by: Entrance/Passage/Flat No. 001, West by: Passage/Flat No.006, North by: Utility/Balcony thereafter Pvt Property, South by: Passage/Cutout.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 20.06.2024, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS (SSLR),

Office Of The Commissioner, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560001, Ph: 91-080-22212408, Fax: 91-080-22277528

No: SSLR/2024-25-E-1464546 **Dated: 19.07.2024**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Hiring the services of Aerial Survey service provider to generate ORI for Large Scale Mapping of Bagalkote, Mysuru, Dharwar & Haveri, Udupi & Dakshina kannada and Shimoga Districts – Reg.

Commissioner Survey, Settlement & Land Records (SSLR), Revenue Department Government of Kamataka is desirous of hiring the services of Aerial Survey service provider to generate ORI for Large Scale Mapping of Bagalkote, Mysuru, Dharwar & Haveri, Udupi & Dakshina kannada and Shimoga Districts. Request for proposals (RFP) are invited from interested agencies to provide this service.

E-Tenders (5 Nos) with numbers SSLR/2024-25-E-1464546 (Mys), SSLR/2024-25-E-1464546 (Dhw & Hvr), SSLR / 2024-25-E-1464546 (UDP & DK), SSLR/2024-25-E-1464546 (BGL) & SSLR/2024-25-E-1464546 (SHG) are invited for Selection of agencies as per terms and conditions contained in Request for proposal (RFP). The RFPs are available in E-procurement website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **19.07.2024.** Interested firms may register with the centre for E-governance to participate in bidding process. Last date of submission of proposals:**19.08.2024.**

Contact Person
K. Jayaprakash Additional Director, Survey Settlement & Land Records Bangalore. Ph.No.: 080-22214715

Sd/-
K. Jayaprakash
Additional Director,
Survey Settlement & Land Records, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/996/SSC/2024-25

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT OF REGIMENTAL SHOP (FOOT WEAR SHOP) AT CMP CENTRE AND SCHOOL, BANGALORE

1. Commandant, CMP Centre and School, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560025 invites applications for allotment of Regimental Shop (Foot Wear Shop) on rental and rebate basis at this establishment as per following PRIORITY:-
   (a) War Widows / Widows of defence personnel killed while on duty.
   (b) Disabled Soldier (c) Ex-servicemen (d) Spouses / Widows of Ex-servicemen.
2. Details of Shops available for rent purpose is given out in Application form which may be obtained by paying application fee of Rs 100/- (Non-refundable) on any working day:-
   (a) Issue of Application form : 22 Jul 2024 to 05 Aug 2024 (From 0900h to 1400h)
   (b) Date of receipt of filled application form : 05 Aug 2024 (upto 1100h) at Control Room of CMP Centre and School.
   (c) DD for Rs 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) in favour of Regimental Fund Acct, CMP Centre and School (Account No 0435101014834, IFSC – CNRB0000435) payable at Canara Bank, Neelasandra, Bangalore.
   (d) Documents to be attached with the application are explained in the application itself.
3. Applications are available at PRI Branch of CMP Centre and School.

YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD

No. 107, Pipeline Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru – 560057

POSSESSION NOTICE: APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **23.11.2022** calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **19th day of July of the year 2024.**

The borrower and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD, for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The **SARFAESI ACT,** 2002 you are RESTRAINED/ PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.,

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

Name of the Borrower: **Madevamma and Basavaraju,** Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002: 23.11.2022, Amount in Demand Notice: **Rs. 9,23,647/- (Rupees Nine Lakh- Twenty Three Thousand – Six Hundred – Forty Seven Only)** further interest thereon with effect from 23.11.2022 at the contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental Expenses, Costs, Charges, ETC. Incurred and accruing thereon on daily basis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All Piece and Parcel of House Property Belonging to Sri Basavaraju S/o Sri Basappa, As Per Registered Gift Deed Dated. 17.05.2019 Vide Document No. JPN – 1 - 01497 – 2019-20, CD No.JPND626, Dated.17.05.2019 Registered at – JP Nagara Sub-Registrar Office, Site No.50, BBMP Katha No.37/1706/50/27/2, Survey No.27, Situated at Doddakallasandra Village, UttarhalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Comes Under Jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West **15 Feet** and North to South **25 Feet** in All **375 Sq.Ft** and Bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Gowramma's Property, **North by:** Chikkathaiamma's Property and **South By:** Other's Property.

Sd/-
Date : 19.07.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd.**

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH

AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE Established by Govt. of Karnataka
(A Postgraduate Institute of Higher Medical Sciences)
Recognised Under Societies Registration Act. Reg. No. 132/85-86
South Hospital Complex, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore-560029.
e-mail: ihealthchild@yahoo.in Website: igich.karnataka.gov.in

IFT No.: IGICH/ADMN/SUP2/22/2024-ADMN-IGICH Date: 20.07.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER

(Through GoK e-Portal Platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-portal **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in** by the director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore-560029 from eligible tenderers for the following mentioned hereunder :-

Sl. No.	DME Indent No:	Equipments	Qty	E.M.D. in Rupees	Tender processing charges
	DME/ 2024-25/ IND0723	**Department of Microbiology**			As per kppp. karnataka. gov.in
1		Deep Freezer - 20	1	3,000/-	
2		Trinocular research fluorescence microscope with imaging camera and imaging software	1	12,000/-	
3		Single dose entry automated infectious serology testing system	1	20,000/-	
		Department of Pathology			
4		Fully automated tissue processor	1	15,000/-	
5		Fully automated coagulation analyser	1	30,000/-	
6		Semi automated coagulation analyser	1	5,000/-	
7		Trinocular microscope with digital imaging system	1	5,000/-	
		Department of Blood Bank			
8		Dielectric Tube Sealer (Bench Model)	2	5,000/-	
9		Refrigerated Centrifuge (Heavy Duty Handle 12 Bags)	1	25,000/-	
10		Blood Bag Refrigerator	1	4,500/-	
11		Apheresis for SDP and Plasmapheresis	1	30,000/-	
12		Deep Freezer - 40 degree	1	7,000/-	
		Department of Biochemistry			
13		Immunofluorescence equipment for new born screening a) Washer disk remover, b) Washer, c) Shaker, d) DBS Puncher, e) Dispenser, f) Incubator, g) Plate Dispenser.	1	87,000/-	
		Department of NICU			
14		Incubator cum warmer	2	46,000/-	
15		Inhaled Nitric Oxide Systems	1	65,000/-	
16		AABR Machine	1	6,000/-	
17		Fluid or Blood warming device	6	8,000/-	
18		Incubator	5	65,000/-	

Tender Documents may be downloaded from: **20.07.2024.** Date and time for Pre-bid Meeting: **31.07.2024 at 12.00 PM.** Quarries (only for online **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**): **01.08.2024 before 12.00 PM.** Last Date for sale of Tender Document: **19.08.2024 upto 3.00 PM.** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **19.08.2024 upto 4.00 PM.** Place of Pre-bid Meeting: **Office of Director, IGICH, Bengaluru.** Last Date and Time of Opening of Cover One of Tenders : **20.08.2024 at 3.00 PM.**

For further detail visit GoK e-portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk on 080-25501216, 080-25501227.

Sd/- Director
DIPR/CP/BCPL/1022/2024-25 **Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health**

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda

South end Road Branch, Ground Floor 16/1, Basvanagudi South end Road, Bangalore- 560004, Telephone No.: 080-29647582, Email: vjsout@bankofbaroda.com

NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Place: South End road
Date: 16.04.2024

To,

Mr. Nishanth Nelson, S/o Mr. Nelson Bernard, Site No-12, BBMP Khata No. 26/155/1/12, H L No- 1878, Situated at 2nd Cross Road, 1st Stage, Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengalore Taluka, Bengalore-560084.	**Mr. Nishanth Nelson,** S/o Mr. Nelson Bernard, Hamco Arabiahussain Ali Al-mahrous, Cont Estal-Jubail Soudiarabia.
Mr. Nishanth Nelson, S/o Mr. Nelson Bernard, ENAA 4540, Building No- 4540, King Abdul Aziz Road, Al Rawdah Dist, Saudi Arebia.	**Mr. Nishanth Nelson,** S/o Mr. Nelson Bernard, TC 75/1133, Sweet Home CRA 128 Near Railway Cross, Pettah Chayakudy Lane, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala- 695024.

Dear Sir/s,
Re: You're Various Credit facilities with our South End Road Branch.
We refer to sanction letter /letters dated **27.04.2023 and 28.04.2023**, conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction, you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs.) In lakhs	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 16.04.2024	Security agreement with brief description of securities (please mention the details of security agreements and details of mortgaged property including total area and boundaries)
Housing loan 73980600 003940	Rs 196.00 lac	9.45%	Rs. 1,94,89,474.00 + Rs. 8,53,032.70 (intt) = Rs. 2,03,42,506.70	All that part and parcel of property being residential premises bearing H. L. No: 1878, duly formed and constructed on Site No:12, situated Kacharakanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 36+ 4.8+42 feet and North to South 43+46.6/2 feet, now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having BBMP Katha No:26/155/1/12, Ward No:24 of HBR Layout, Bangalore, and bounded as follows: East by: Private Property, West by: Draining and BDA Road, North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property.
Baroda Suvidha loan 7398060 0003941	Rs 12.93 lac	10.20%	Rs. 12,87,320.41 + Rs. 48,825.59 (intt) = Rs. 13,36,146.00	
TOTAL	Rs. 208.93 lac		Rs 2,16,78,652.70	

(2) In the letter of acknowledgment of debt date/ document's dated **05.06.2023** (both acs) you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of – **Rs. 196.00 lac & Rs 12.93 lac** respectively. The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest up to **08.04.2024** (date). Other charges debited to the account are **Rs. 2,16,78,652.70**
(3) As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstanding for the quarter/month **08.01.2024.** You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans/interest/ which have fallen due for payment on **08.01.2024** and thereafter.
(4) Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **08.04.2024** (mention date of classification as NPA) in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
(5) Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs.2,16,78,652.70** as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
(6) Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
(7) We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business),without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13 (13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
(8) We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/ inviting quotations/ tender/ private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date : 20.07.2024 **(S S P Kumar)**
Place : Bengaluru **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/JE-1/F-/2024-25/2595-2605 Date: 18.07.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the Central Electricity Authority, (CEA Regulation-Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) residing in the building constructed, constructing new residential buildings, Industries, commercial establishments etc., under and close to overhead lines of KPTCL without safety clearance is prohibited in view of the safety of public and property. Constructing buildings / temporary sheds close to electric towers, lying banners and buntings to the tower, walking, flying kites and drying clothes on top of the buildings constructed close to or below EHT power lines violating regulations is very dangerous which may result in casualties or even death and loss of properties.

In view of safety, it is the responsibility of public to maintain sufficient clearance from overhead lines compulsorily as bellow. Hence it is requested to demolish the portion of the building which is not having sufficient clearance as per C.E.A (Measures relating to Safety and Electric supply) Regulations 2023 and to avoid the above unsafe activities.

Horizontal Clearance	66kV	220kV	400kV
	2.3 Mtrs.	3.8 Mtrs.	5.6 Mtrs.

We would like to make it clear that, KPTCL will not be held responsible for any accidents caused due to construction of building below/close to overhead lines violating regulation / unsafe activities. The owners of those buildings/ people residing in those buildings and the department which is providing basic necessity to those buildings will be held responsible for the same

This notification is issued in public interest.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Elec.), Tr (M), BMAZ, South Circle, Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.**

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
BENGALURU CANTONMENT BRANCH
No.35, Lady Curzon Road, Shivai Nagar, Bengaluru.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Bengaluru Cantonment Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Name of the Borrower: 1) Mr. Harish Kumar K, Mrs. Jayarathna, Flat No.101, 1st floor, Shiva Paradise-1, Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore-560001. **2) Mr. Harish Kumar K and Mrs. Jayarathna,** No.15, Sumukha Enclave Yadalamaharbhati Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560001. **Date of NPA on 29.05.2024**
Outstanding Amount: as on 06.06.2024 Rs.14,23,331/- (Rupees Forteen lakhs twenty three thousand three hundred thirty one only) together with interest from 07.06.2024
Schedule A Property : Item No.1 - All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No.21,22,39 and 40, Khata No.13, situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttararahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: (90.0" +97'5") /2, feet and North to South 50'0" feet , totally measuring 4687.5 Sft, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Banaglore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.184-Uttarahalli, and **bounded on:** East by: Private property of L Krishnappas family, West by: 30 feet road, North by: Site No.23 and 28, South by: Site No.20 and 41.
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COMPOSITE PROPERTY OF ITEM No.1 AND 2 OF THE SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing site no 21,22,23,24,37,39 and 40 Khata No.13, presently BBMP Khata No.246/21,22,23, 24,37,38,39 and 40, situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of bruhut Banaglore mahanagar palike Uttarahalli Ward No.184, banaglore totally measuring 9676.5 sft and **bounded on :** East by: Private property of L Krishnappas family, West by: 30 feet road, North by: Common Passage and site no.36 and 25, South by: Site No.20 and 41.

Schedule B Property : 270 sft undivided share, right title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule "A" property mentioned above together with two bedroom apartment bearing 101, in the first floor, measuring 1040sft of super built up area, with vitrified tiles flooring, with one car parking be the part be the part of multistoried building residential complex known as" SHIVA PARADISE -1 "constructed on the schedule A Property along with one half part in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartments and the floor of the space above it and internal and external walls such level as with concealed wiring with proportionate share in common access and areas of the building like entrance foyer, common corridors in all floors Staircase including landing upto the terrace, machine room, housing and lift machineries of passenger elevator along with necessary cabin, winches and motor etc, pump sets, houses in pump room along with necessary valves starters etc .. and common areas electrical systems.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 07.06.2024, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda

South end Road Branch, Ground Floor 16/1, Basvanagudi South end Road, Bangalore- 560004, Telephone No.: 080-29647582, Email: vjsout@bankofbaroda.com

NOTICE TO GUARANTOR
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Place: South End Road
Date: 16.04.2024

To,
Mr. Nidhin Bernad Nelsone
Tc 75/1133, Sweet Home Cra 128
Near Railway Cross, Pettah Chayakudy Lane,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala- 695024
Dear Sir,
Re: Your guarantee for various credit facilities granted to **Mr. Nishanth Nelson (name of the borrower)**
(1) As you are aware, you have by a guarantee dated **27.04.2023 and 28.04.2023,** guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to us by **Mr.Nishanth Nelson** (name of borrower), for aggregate credit limits of **Rs 2,16,78,652.70** with interest thereon more particularly set out in the said guarantee document. To secure the guarantee obligation you have also provided following securities to us:

Collateral Securities

All that part and parcel of property being residential premises bearing H. L. No: 1878, duly formed and constructed on Site No:12, situated Kacharakanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 36+ 4.8+42 feet and North to South 43+46.6/2 feet, now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having BBMP Katha No:26/155/1/12, Ward No:24 of HBR Layout, Bangalore, and bounded as follows: East by: Private Property, West by: Draining and BDA Road, North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property. (Mention particulars of securities including document if any, by which security is created)
(2) We have to inform you that the borrower has committed defaults in payment of his liabilities and consequently his account has been classified as non-performing asset. A copy of the notice dated **16.04.2024** under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent by us to the borrower is enclosed. Since the borrower has committed defaults, in terms of the guarantee you have become liable to pay to us the outstanding amount of loan/credit facilities aggregating **Rs 2,16,78,652.70,** and we hereby invoke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice. Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated **16.04.2024** served on the borrower (copy enclosed).
(3) We further wish to inform you that in regard to the security provided by you to secure your guarantee obligations for the due repayment of the loans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up to the date of payment, we shall be at liberty to exercise all of any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
(4) We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/ inviting quotations/ tender/ private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
(5) We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13 (13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
(6) Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, in the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date : 20.07.2024 **(S S P Kumar)**
Place : Bengaluru **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**

Online E – Auction Sale Of Asset
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

Regd. office: 27 BKC, C 27, G-Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code-400051, Branch Office.: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, Kotak House, No.22, 2nd Floor, M G Road, Bengaluru- 560001.

Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties

E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 under rule 8(5) read with proviso to rule 9 (1) of the security interest (enforcement) rule, 2002. Subsequent to the assignment of debt in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited by **"Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "FIHFCL")** the authorised officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as **"the Bank/ Kmbl/secured Creditor**) has taken the possession of below described immovable property (hereinafter called the secured asset) mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor on 22.05.2024. Notice is hereby given to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) in particular and public in general that the bank has decided to sale the secured asset through e-auction under the provisions of the sarfaesi act, 2002 on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of **Rs. 27,75,926 /- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six Only)** outstanding as on 16.07.2024 along with future applicable interest till realization, under The Loan Account No. 601007510175157: loan availed by Mrs. Vedhavathi H B, Mr. Sharanabasappa T B, M/s Shivakrupa Provision Store & M/s Life Style Beauty Parlor as per below details.

Particular	Detail
Date of Auction	28.08.2024
Time of Auction	Between 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 Minutes
Reserve Price	Rs. 38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 3,80,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)
Last Date For Submission of EMD with KYC	27.08.2024 up to 5:00 p.m. (IST)
Description of The Secured Asset	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 32, Municipal Khatha No. 394-1/394-2, Situated At Vivekananda Nagara, Kasaba Hosakote Town, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring East To West: 30 Feet, North To South: 46 Feet, In All 1380 Sq.ft. Bounded On: East By: Site No.31, West By: Site No.33, North By: 25 Feet Road, South By: Site No.22
Known Encumbrances	NIL

The borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub section 8 of section 13, of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset. Borrowers in particular and public in general may please take notice that if in case auction scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty. In case of any clarification/requirement regarding assets under sale, bidder may contact **Mr. Nagaraj K (+91 8296621749), Mr. Vasantha Kumar H P (+91 9964722505) & Mr. Uma Shankar T K (+91 7899343245). Bidder May Also Contact The Bank's Ivr No. (+91-9152219751) For Clarifications.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link **https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html** provided in the bank's website i.e. **www.kotak.com** and/or on **http://bankauctions.in/**

Place: Bangalore, Date: 21.07.2024 Authorized Officer: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.45,42,890/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety only)** as on **17-07-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **18-07-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Afsar Mango Mandi, APMC Yard, BM Road, Channapatna, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562160. No.2) Mr. Mohamed Afsar Hammed, S/o. Mohamed Yousuf, No.1380, Jeevanpur Mohalla, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160. No.3) Mr. Mohammed Yousuf, S/o. Umar Saheb, No.164, 2nd Cross, Near Al Ameen School Jeevanpur Mohalla, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160. No.4) Mrs. Chand Banu, W/o. Mohammed Yousuf, No.164, 2nd Cross Near Al Ameen School Jeevanpur Mohalla, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160. No.5) M/s. Sahara Hotel, No.363, Miyan Saheb Complex, Channapatna, Karnataka - 562160.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Mohamed Afsar Hammed, S/o. Mohamed Yousuf & Mrs. Chand Banu, W/o. Mohammed Yousuf)

All that Piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Land to an extent of 4,400 sq.ft. Property bearing Old Kaneshumari No.58/365/1 & 60/365/3. New Kaneshumari, No.58/365/1&3, Property No.152900103101600685. Measuring : East to West 33.52 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters Located at Kothanahalli Village, belonging to Vandaraguppe Gram Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District. Boundaries : East by : Remaining 4th Item Property in same Number, West by : Lalagatta Road, North by : Property of Ayub Pasha, South by : Remaining 3rd Item Property in same Number.

Reserve Price : Rs.50,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
13-08-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No. 080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 19-07-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified and informed that, my client **Smt. Yamuna. C.V.** W/o Late Manjesh. S, has been acquired the property mentioned in the schedule here under from her family members by way of registered partition deed, and link document registered Original General power of Attorney **No.103-1994-95 in Book No. IV, stored in Volume No.138, Pages No. 121-122, SRO-Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, dated 21.04.1994.** It is submitted that my client, while travelling in the BMTC bus above said original document has been lost/misplaced. I any person/s in contact of the same or found they may kindly return the same to my client or the below mentioned address. In this regard my client also lodged a police complaint in respect of the lost document through online which has registered as Lost Report No. 1153199/2024 on 20.07.2024.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.165, old Katha No.826, new BBMP Katha No.7636, Assessment No. 26/4, presently BBMP Ward No.72, Situated at Herohalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet or 111.482 Sq meters., and Bounded on the East By: property No.164, West By: property No. 166, North By: Road, South By: property No.146.

E.T. Divakara, Advocate,
Office: No. 15, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Vittal Nagar, ISRO Layout, Bangalore-560078.
Mob No: 9741818992. Date: 20.07.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends purchasing the Schedule Property from Sri. K. V. Umesh, S/o. Late. K.R. Venktesha Murthy and Smt. K.S. Sreemathi, W/o. Sri. K.V. Umesh, Both R/at: No.1083, 2nd Main, 2nd Phase, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 098. Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or any objection for the purchase of the Schedule Property by our client may lodge his/her/their claim/s and objection/s to the undersigned with documentary proof within 10 days from today, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claim/s or the objection/s and/or claim/s if any, has/have been given up and our client will proceed ahead with the transaction of purchasing the Schedule Property as being free from any or all claim/s, right/s, encumbrance/s etc..

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing No. 170, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally admeasuring 1200 Sq. Ft., and situated in 2nd Main, BCMC Layout, Raghuvanahalli, BDA Area, Hemmigepura Ward No 198, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded as follows:

East by : Site bearing No. 157
West by : Road
North by : Site bearing No. 171
South by : Site bearing No. 169

The Schedule Property is demarcated by a compound wall on all sides with gate.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 21.07.2024

Sd/-
Abhinav R.
Advocate
M/s. Kumar & Kumar, Advocates
"Central Chambers" F-113, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road,Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009. Ph: 080-22281509
E-mail: kumarandkumaradvocates@gmail.com

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42/SE/PHC/ TSR/2024-25

I)JJM-1.providing Distribution Network and FHTC to Vadanappally Pt. 2.- WSS to Adatt-Supplying and Laying CWPM from Olari sump to Puzhakkal 3.WSS to aloorSupply and Laying of CWPM from chalakudy WTP to water tanks 4. Supply Erection of Centrifugal Pumpsets and Construction of Pump station for CWPM 5. WSS to Puthur-Renovation of 36 Peechi WTP 6.WSS to Adatt and other pts- Laying of Pipes forClear Water Gravity Main from 100 MLD Scheme 7.-Construction of 18 MLD WTP 8.Construction of 15 MLD WTP 9.WSS to Irinjalakuda -12m dia intake well cum pump house, Raw water pump set , 500 KVA and100 KVA transformer at Well site 10. WSS to Irinjalakuda -600 mm DI K 9 Raw water pumping main-5000 m 11.WSS to Mattathur- CWPM and CWGM 12. WSS to Mattathur- construction of 25 MLD WTP II)State Plan-WSS to Irinjalakuda -Construction of 22LL OHSR and 350mm DI K9 CWPM-Construction of 22 LL OHSR and 350mm DI K9 CWPM EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/-, 5,00,000/- Tender fee : Rs. 11,800/-, 17,700/- Last Date for submitting Tender : 13-08-2024 03:42:pm
Phone : 0487 – 2423230; Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-234-2024-25 Superintending Engineer PH Circle Thrissur

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-37/2024-2025 **E-TENDERS** **Date: 18.07.2024**

E-Tender are invited for & on behalf of the President of India, for supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vender must have Class III Digital Signature and registrations on **IREPS**. **The details of tenders are in the following sequence - S.No., Tender No., (Due Date), Description and Quantity. 1.** 10241412, (02/08/2024), Adapter & Screen Asm For Exh to PL No.16080518, 109 Nos. **2.** 10241772, (05/08/2024), Spring Exhaust Valve to PL No. 16160034, 38757 Nos. **3.** 10241422, (08/08/2024), Rocker Arm ASM- Exhaust to PL No. 16040030, 3831 Nos. **4.** 10241413, (14/08/2024), Spring to PL No. 16160204, 370 Nos. **5.** 10241490, (16/08/2024), Kit Gasket (Power Pack Installation) to PL No.16171329, 3464 Nos. **6.** 10241421, (21/08/2024), Shaft Drive Gear (Aux Gen. Driv) to PL No. 16141477, 114 Nos. **7.** 10241350, (21/08/2024), Hose Assembly Kit to PL No. 16242099, 97 Sets. **8.** 10241455, (22/08/2024), Ball Bearing Assly to PL No. 16150491, 1399 Nos. **9.** 10241355, (26/08/2024), Exp joint ASM to PL No.(16240777-571 Nos.)(16240807-450 Nos.) **10.** 10241428, (19/08/2024), Spacer Diaphragm to PL No. 16060854, 230 Nos. **11.** 03241734, 30.07.24,15.00, PL No. 17390059, Valve Auto Drain, 836 Nos. **12.** 03241739, 31.07.24,15.00, PL No. 11327753, Hose Assly, 725 Nos. **13.** 03241735, 05.08.24,15.00, PL No. 17452582, Valve Relay, 356 Nos. **14.** 03241099, (12.08.24), sealing Rubber, P.L No. 29250559, 623 Set. **15.** 04241670, 13.08.2024, Element Engine Air Filter to PL No.17452168, 520 Nos. **16.** 04241098A, 03.09.2024, Unloader PNL to PL No.17062263, 10 Nos. **17.** 04241076 (e-RA Double Bid System), 04.11.2024, Driver Seat to PL No.29171131, 1860 Nos. **18.** 02241008A, (09/08/2024), Washer Type A Flat, PL No. 19391559, 137 Nos. & 19391560, 136 Nos. **19.** 02242007, (12/08/2024), Crab Nut Forging, PL No. 19350697, 597 Nos. **20.** 02232047B, (13/08/2024), Air Intake Valve, PL No. 10245807, 109 Nos. **21.** 06231227B, 12/08/2024, Cable Sealing ASM, PL No.18461050, 18 Nos. **22.** 06241745, 12/08/2024, Fixing Cables, PL No. 29100239, 615 Set. **23.** 06240183, 07/08/2024, Cable Lug, PL No. 29616670, 644 Nos. **24.** 09231264B, Open Tender (07/08/2024), CURRENT TRANSFORMER (PL No 18400012), 52 Nos. **25.** 09241073 Open Tender (12/08/2024), HIGH VOLTAGE BUSHING (PL No. 29731021), 779 Nos. **26.** 09241065A, Open Tender (12/08/2024), SCOTCH DANGER-CAUTION TAPE (PL No. 29610904), 227 Sets. **27.** 08241256, Open Tender (16/08/2024), Thrust Washer, (PL No. 19397033), 740 Nos. **28.** 08231151F, Open Tender (26/08/2024), Bolt 5/8-18 DR HEX, (PL No. 19016086), 829 Nos. **29.** 10241776, (26/07/2024), Main Bearing Upper Inter to PL No. 16150030, 1146 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on **https://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **https://www.ireps.gov.in CORRIGENDUM NOTICE :- 30. Bid Inv. No.:** E-28 **Revision:** 01 **Tender No.:** 08241533, **PL. No.:** 10142733, **Existing Qty.:** 10 Nos. **Revised Qty.:** 32 Nos. **31. Bid No.:** E-32 **Tender No.:** 10241777 Main Bearing Lower Inter, **Revision:** 01 **Details of Corrigendum: 1.** T.No.- 10241777 opened on 25/07/2024. instead of 22/07/2024. **2.** Qty read as 2974 Nos. instead of 2402 Nos. **32. Bid No.:** E-18 **Tender No.:** 10241296 Turbo Wheel Impeller Balance Assembly, **Revision:** 01 **Details of Corrigendum:** T.No.- 10241296 opened on 01/08/2024. instead of 15/07/2024. **Note:-** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders.

PRO/BLW/S-38 **Principal Chief Material Manager**

/blwvaranasi " Website:- www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

TUMAKURU SMART CITY LIMITED
ಕಛೇರಿ–2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ , ಐ.ಸಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣ, ಬಿ,ಹೆಚ್.ರಸ್ತೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು–572 103
Office-2nd Floor, Integrated Command and Control Center, SP Office Premises, B.H Road, Tumkuru - 572103 Phone : 0816–2278190
E-mail : smartcitytumakuru@gmail.com. website: www.smartcitytumakuru.in. CIN:U74999KA2017PLC099774
No:TSCL/Tender/CR/16/2023-24 Date: 18.07.2024

Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited from eligible Contractors for the following works of Tumakuru Smart City Limited. The eligible Agencies may apply by downloading the Tender Document through Karnataka Public Procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For more information contact Smart City Office number 0816-2278190

Name of the Work: 1. Procure, Supply of 25 no.s of 3 Wheeler Auto Hopper Tipper Dumper of capacity not less than 1.3cum, 5 no.s of Tractor & Trailer of capacity not less than 5 tons and 1 no. of Compactor of capacity not less than 14cum for Tumkur City Corporation, Tumkur, **Amount put to tender: 1.70Cr, EMD Rs.1.25lakhs**. Last date for bid submission: 01.08.2024 Bid opening Date: 02.08.2024. 2. Improvement works to exixting 03 No.s of dry Wate collection center at TCC limits, **Amount put to tender:** 0.25 Cr, **EMD** Rs.51,150. Last date for bid submission: **25.07.2024** Bid opening Date: **26.07.2024.**

Note: Any change of date and other information will be notified only in kpp portal and no further publications in Newspaper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakuru Smart city Limited Tumakuru.

DIPR/TUM/164/KSMCA/2024-25

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, R/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on 23-08-2024 "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" for recovery of below mentioned amount due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from the following borrowers.

Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from	Description of the Immovable Property
1. MR.HARSHA B U, 2. BHAGIRATHI H M, (Both are residing at NO 73 SY NO 178/1 H NO 101 1ST FLOOR SEWTHA, ENGINEERING WORKS BUILDING HOODI BASAVANNA NAGAR, Main Road, MAHADEVAPURA, BANGALORE SOUTH, KARNATAKA-560048) **Loan Account No. EMFKRPRM0035685 Claim Amount Due Rs. 1845593/- as on 03-10-2023** with further interest from 04-10-2023 with monthly rest, charges and costs etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs. 2123824/- as on 16-07-2024).	Property Schedule : All that piece and parcel of immovable Portion of Sourthern Property No.612/1, Site No.01,nd PID No. 150300401000120235, measuring East to West Northern side 56 feet, sourthern side 55 feet, North and Sourth eastern side 18 feet, western side 15 feet, in all totally 915.75 Sqr Feet. Situated at Kannurahalli Village, Doddagattiganabbe Village panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Boundaries : North BY : Remaining Portion of Site No.01 South BY : Site No.2 East BY : Private Property West : RoadMeasurement : measuring East to West Northern side 56 feet, southern 55 feet , North and South eastern side 18 feet, western side 15 feet, in all totally 915.75 Sqr Feet. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Hoskote and Registration District of Bangalore. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth of permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easamentary / mamool rights annexed thereto. Reserve Price: Rs. 29,31,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 2,93,100/- Contact Names: Rakesh M V : 9611500100, Lakshith T H : 9945381028

Date of Auction: 23-08-2024
For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction sale, please refer to the link provided in www.equitasbank.com & https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Date - 21.07.2024, Place - Bangalore **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

(District Health and Family Welfare Department)
District Leprosy Office
(Office of the District Blindness Officer, Office of the District Mental Health Officer) GB-3, Ground Floor, DC Complex, Chickballapur District
Mail ID: dlocbpur@gmail.com Phone: 08156-295211**/9740320812**

NO: DLO/NPCB/SPECTACLES TENDER/11/2023-24 Date 15.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(1) **Date of commencement of download of tender document from e-procurement website http://https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home: 15.07.2024** (2) Date, time & venue of pre-bid meeting: **19.07.2024 12:30 p.m.** District Leprosy Office, GB-03, 'B' Block, District Health & Family Welfare Society,Ground Floor, DC Office, Chikkaballapura - 562101 e-Mail id: **dlocbpur@gmail.com** Land line No.: **08156-295211**. (3) Last date and time for uploading of e-tender in kppp portal: **05.08.2024 04:00 p.m.** (4) Tentative date and time of online opening of technical bids: **06.08.2024 04:01p.m. (5)** Tentative dateand time of financial bid opening: **12.08.2024 11:30 a.m.** (6) **Programme:** (a) **For supply of 19-39 age spectacles under Ashakirana Programme.** Tender Amount: **Rs. 94,61000/-.** EMD (Variable) **Rs. 1,89,220/-.** For more Details **visit http://https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/potal/portal-home** and can be contacted at **08156-295211** during office hours.

Sd/- District Leprosy Officer Office of the District Blindness Officer, Office of the District Mental Health Officer, Chickballapura District

DIPR/Chikkaballapura/R.O.No.99/KSMC&A/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Davangere Division, Davangere

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Sl No.	Bus Station Name	Stall Name	Area in Sq. ft.	License Period	Minimum License Fee (Except G.S.T Other Charges) (Amt. in Rs.)	E.M.D amount paid to this office through D.D (Amt. in Rs.)	E.M.D amount paid to e-procurement (Amt. in Rs.)	Application Fee paid to this office through D.D (Including G.S.T Amount) (Amt. in Rs.)
1	Smart City Davanagere Bus Station	Shopping Mall Area	151601.30	06 Years	59,59,000/-	1,78,76,500/-	500/-	3,540/-

- Basement, Parking Place Area 37751.57 Sq. Ft.
- Ground Floor Area 24197.52 Sq. Ft.
- First Floor Area 29884.07 Sq. Ft.
- Second Floor Area 29884.07 Sq. Ft
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As per the said rules,

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III. The entities registered shall not deal with any entity not registered.
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Bulk generators shall -

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b) Ensure that used oil generated by them be handed over only to the registered producer or recyclers or collection agents.

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Lee Kuan Yew

BUILD NEW CITIES TO CREATE JOBS, BOOST GROWTH

"We will initiate building 100 new cities; enabled with the latest in technology and infrastructure—adhering to concepts like sustainability, walk to work etc, and focused on specialised domains."

— BJP election manifesto, 2014

THE THIRD EYE

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BUDGET 2024, to be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday, is effectively a grand challenge on how to spend a bonanza of ₹1 lakh crore. To appreciate, consider the timeline of events and facts. The interim budget of February 2024 defined revenues and allocations to craft the pathway to a Viksit Bharat by 2047. It allocated over ₹11.11 lakh crore for capital expenditure, expanded welfare payments and promised to reduce fiscal deficit to 5.1 percent of GDP. The balancing act triggered hosannas for economic conservatism.

The political and economic landscape has since shifted. On May 22, the RBI approved a transfer of Rs 2,10,874 crore to the government—more than double the sum assumed in the budget, creating headroom for a spend of ₹1 lakh crore. This was followed by the June 4 verdict and an altered political reality. It is likely that allocation of the trillion-rupee bonanza is informed and defined by the response to the diminished tally.

This has fuelled a binary narrative on how the bounty of ₹1 lakh crore (and more from higher tax collections) must be allocated. In the blue corner are folks who argue for a response to the cries of distress from the bottom of the pyramid that influenced the verdict. Those in the red corner advocate a hike in capital expenditure on infrastructure to boost growth and revenues.

It is argued that expansion of welfare—tax cuts for the middle class, a national cash transfer scheme for women, an urban employment scheme and higher payout under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi—will prop consumption. Yes, money in the hands of people could spur consumption, but conditions apply. The question is who gets how much. Will a few thousand rupees assuage tax payers? And not all payouts deliver electoral dividends—the Maharashtra government's May 30 gambit, the Namo Shetkari Scheme promising ₹6,000 as top-up on PM Kisan, didn't quite deliver.

The statute of limitations also applies to the advocacy of higher infrastructure spending. The allocation of ₹11.11 lakh crore, higher by 11 percent, is nearly a quarter of the total government spend. The challenge before the government—as Nitin Gadkari has often pointed out—is not raising resources, but finding the capacity for executing infrastructure projects. There are only so many roads, ports, airports and rail lines that can be added in a year.

Of course, not all boxes are ticked in India's development paradigm. Consider the state of urbanisation. The 2014 BJP manifesto promised to "initiate building 100 new cities". Tragically, the idea sputtered as it morphed into the so-called Smart City programme, leaving urban Indians to deal with inadequacies. It is intriguing that the imperative which found bold articulation in the document has not found a place in the development agenda.

Cities spur innovation, the interaction of firms and workers improves productivity and the platform of skill and moolah propels growth. The opportunity to leverage the potential has been waylaid by systemic apathy. India is home to 3,892 census towns—habitats and people stranded between definitions left without administrative support. In 2015, Venkaiah Naidu, then the urban development minister, asked states to convert them to "statutory urban local bodies". That was not to be, and millions suffer the consequences of unplanned amoebic urbanisation.

Urbanisation merits urgent investment of political capital. The surplus of ₹1 lakh crore—at least a part of it—could be used as seed capital and blended with public-private partnership initiatives for creating new cities. The government could announce a contest, with states pitching in to convert at least one census town. New cities could also be located in the census towns in aspirational districts, or along the new industrial corridors. The new cities need not all be based on census towns—Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu could present an IT-enabled Amaravati. Maharashtra could locate a new hypercity next to the new airport off the trans-harbour link.

Construction is located at the intersection of rural and urban economy, and can absorb low-skilled labour off farms. It has a multi-dimensional impact across segments of consumption. Revaluation of land engenders transfer of capital and creates prosperity. A contest for new cities across the country will help spread the opportunities wider.

New cities will also lift living standards by affording access to cleaner sustainable solutions in water management, connectivity and walk-to-work ecosphere. The creation of such cities could trigger a demonstration effect across states. India is on the radar of global investors—ranging from financial services and manufacturing to global tech capacity centres. Lifestyle options is and will be a key parameter for investors.

The creation of new cities offers an opportunity to blend ease of living, business and governance. A UN study estimates India will add over 400 million dwellers to the urban populace by 2050. Nearly half of India's billion-plus population will be living in urban areas. It is time to exit undefined agglomerations and create new habitats. If there is one idea with omnipotence—social, economic and political—it is the need to create new cities.

MODI CHOOSES CONTINUITY OVER CHANGE

POWER & POLITICS

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EXCEPT in the quirky quantum world, continuity and change are calamitous contradictions if forced to collide. The first is an uninterrupted force and the other is discrete in nature. Schrödinger's cat comes to mind in the quantum world of Indian politics: alive and dead at the same time. Indians voted for continuity in the 2024 elections, giving Narendra Modi the third consecutive thumbs-up. The verdict also tinkered with the previous model of governance from single-party rule to a coalition where Modi is the first among NDA equals. The decisions and actions of the Modi government in the past few weeks indicate the cat metaphor has mutated: continuity has eclipsed change.

The council of ministers has changed colour for sure. Yet the contours, constitution, thrust and trajectory of India's strategic, economic and diplomatic kinetics reflect continuity rather than major modulation. Even if the politics of the Congress was defeated thrice, its style of economics and diplomacy finds place of pride even in the new dispensation. The economists owing allegiance and fame to the Nehruvian regime have been given more prominence than they got during the previous governments. For example, last week, when the PM announced the reconstitution of the NITI Ayog, it exemplified continuity of the administrative thought process. All of its five full-time members were retained—vice chairman Suman Bery, Vijay Kumar Saraswat, Arvind Virmani, Ramesh Chand and Dr V K Paul.

BJP politicians have an upper age limit of 75 years, but it doesn't apply to the NITI Aayog phalanx. The vice chairman enjoys a cabinet minister's status and the rest are at the minister of state level. A couple of new Union ministers were added as members and special invitees to assuage coalition compulsions, but the core team remained. Bery, Virmani and Saraswat have celebrated their platinum birth anniversaries. Barring Ramesh Chand and Paul, the rest were associated with the UPA regime and were directly and indirectly connected with internal organisations and the defence establishment.

Bery fits the typical elitist multinational meritocratic mould produced by the Congress ethos, starting his career at the World Bank. He was a consultant to the Reserve Bank of India and a member of the Economic Advisory Council under PM Manmohan Singh. He was associated with energy company Shell and worked as a fellow at the Brussels-based think-tank Bruegel, whose members include Accenture, Apple, Facebook, Google, HSBC, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, Huawei and Amazon. Virmani, another economic whizkid whose ideology is his career, served under Congress governments and is an IMF maven. He was once the chief economic advisor to the UPA regime.

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Saraswat, considered an eminent scientist, was also a secretary in the UPA government and a DRDO honcho, in a post once held by A P J Abdul Kalam. Controversies dogged his tenure. In 2012, the UPA imposed certain restrictions on his financial powers after an internal audit and scrutiny by the auditor general red-flagged some of his decisions. Though he was denied an extension, a year later, the same Manmohan Singh government awarded him a Padma Bhushan. Even B V R Subrahmanyam, a former IAS officer who served as private secretary to Manmohan Sigh, has been retained as CEO.

Schrödinger stands vindicated because soon after the BJP came to power in 2014, he was inducted as a member of the newly-created NITI Aayog. Paul and Chand didn't have such luck with the UPA. Dr Paul headed the department of paediatrics at AIIMS for nearly a decade. But he wasn't crowned with the laurel wreath of directorship for unknown reasons. Good luck came in the form of the BJP sarkar: he was appointed a NITI Aayog member in August 2017 to oversee the health, nutrition and human resource verticals. He is now around 70 years old. Chand, the youngest member, has a PhD in agricultural economics and monitors the agricultural sector.

But change is in the stars, indicating how the NITI Aayog will think and deliver. As a member of its governing council, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will be a game-changer. So far, the council has met less than a dozen times over the past decade. Naidu, like Modi, is a man of ideas and thinks big. Advised by domain experts, he is likely to present alternative development growth models that would accelerate real development in the states with enhanced private participation. He wouldn't let babus and young foreign-trained professionals dictate the narrative. His neighbour in power, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is raring to participate in his first meeting of the council. He, along with the two other Congress CMs, will push for significant alterations in the current supply-side policies of the NDA government.

Apart from at NITI Aayog, Modi has chosen continuity over change in key positions in his office and diplomatic assignments, too. His principal secretary P K Mishra and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, both over 75 years old, will stay put, having set the record of any civil servant or advisor staying beyond a decade in the same office. Both have been spectacularly efficacious in implementing Modi's policies. During their earlier stints in various capacities, the Double Doyens showed effective administration skills using innovative strategies. Both enjoy a Union cabinet rank. While allocating portfolios to his ministers, too, the PM has preferred continuity over change in sensitive ministries such as finance, home, defence, external affairs and infrastructure. All incumbents will break the record for staying in the same chair for more than five years.

Sticking to the continuity clause in diplomacy, Modi chose the outgoing Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra as India's 29th ambassador to the US. For the first time in South Block's history, the ministry of external affairs is headed by a former foreign secretary who was the Indian ambassador to both China and US for six years. Previously, experienced, senior political leaders were India's foreign ministers, high commissioners to Britain or ambassadors to the US. The deviation happened in the past two decades when successive prime ministers opted for Indian service officers to lead missions in both the key countries. Kwatra is the 10th IFS officer to be appointed ambassador in a row. Of the 29 ambassadors to the US, 10 were from the IFS, three from the IAS and four from the elite Indian civil service founded by the British. For the UK, the last 14 high commissioners were drawn from the foreign service; of the 29 high commissioners since independence, half were from the IFS, while the IAS had just one.

The reshuffle of the bureaucracy, appointment of new advisors and restructuring of various academic, scientific and economic institutions are a work in progress. One thing is abundantly clear: electoral verdicts may alter ideological affiliations, but continuity of bureaucratic supremacy will retain its vice-like grip over policy formulations. Gauging from the ideological and institutional profiles of the talent chosen so far, and likely future picks, continuity is the Modi mantra. The minimal change is the exception that proves the rule. The rest have no choice but to be content with the quantum of solace.

HAND ROCKING THE CRADLE CAN CHANGE INDIA

OPINION

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Former bureaucrat and author, most recently, of *The Spell of the Rain Tree*

THERE was a recent report that a multinational firm in Chennai had taken a policy decision against recruiting married women. The matter is being investigated by the authorities. It is welcome that such discrimination, which is encountered by lakhs of women in the labour market, is considered news. With constitutional guarantees of equality in education and employment, women in India have achieved success in educational and professional fields when provided with opportunities. However, a large proportion of women do encounter subtle biases when professional merit is overlooked during recruitment or promotion, and their domestic responsibilities influence decisions.

The female labour force participation rate in India, which refers to women aged 15 and above who are either working or looking for a job, was at 32.8 percent for 2021-22, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey. While this is below the global average of 47 percent, it has been steadily rising for several years. Structural changes such as a decline in fertility rates and expansion of women's education account for this increase. However, obstacles still exist due to bias and societal norms. This squanders the potential of a sizeable percentage of citizens being employed, leading to a substantial loss in economic productivity. The survey also highlighted that 44.5 percent of the women not in the labour force stayed out due to 'childcare or personal commitments in home-making'.

One peculiar situation underlines the dilemma faced by working women. In rural areas, a decline in women's employment has been observed, when there is a scarcity of water in summer months. If women go to work, the family goes thirsty. According to the NGO International Development Organisation, Indian women spend 150 million workdays every year fetching water. The government's measures to provide piped water to rural households have mitigated this problem to an extent.

In a large majority of cases, marriage nips promising careers in the bud. It is not uncommon that in arranged marriages, conditions are laid down that the woman will discontinue employment after marriage. Women are expected to be carers and homemakers in the marital home. Non-working, however, does not mean a life of leisure. About 90 percent of all housework falls on women, even while they remain invisible and voiceless. The Supreme Court has recently observed that women who perform endless household chores need to be given access to financial resources and partake in financial decisions.

Domestic responsibilities continue to be lopsided even when both partners in a household work full-time. While family dynamics determine specific outcomes, society upholds normative gender roles that burden working women. Many women report facing 'weaponised incompetency', a sense of helplessness in men, when they step in to share domestic chores. In such circumstances, it is quicker and efficient for women to complete the chores themselves. Women of an earlier generation who pursued career goals with enthusiasm were shamed for neglecting the family. This is probably one of the reasons why younger women are opting out of or delaying marriage, or preferring to be in a DINK (double-income, no kids) situation.

Women often encounter biases during recruitment and promotion when professional merit is overlooked and domestic responsibilities are gender-linked. Flexible work and childcare support can go a long way in boosting India's economy

Denying women access to jobs has held back India's economy. The skewed labour force affects distribution of wealth between genders. Working women are more likely to take decisions on allocation of disposable incomes and spend more on the well-being of their children.

An ILO study has pointed out that, globally, women are paid 20 percent less than men on an average. This gap widens even as women climb the corporate ladder. Claudia Goldin, the Nobel-winning economist, has highlighted that 'greedy jobs', where longer working hours are disproportionately rewarded, are the ones that women tend to lose out on.

Flexibility in the work place and childcare support are ways forward to a more equitable work environment. The government has taken the lead by providing maternity leave of 180 days and childcare leave of up to two years to female employees. Upskilling and reskilling will benefit women returning to work after a gap due to childcare. There is also a requirement for crèche facilities to be made available in organisations that have more than 50 female employees. Organisations should conduct periodical audits to identify gender disparity in pay and promotional opportunities, and rectify institutional biases, if any.

Being employed and financially independent are empowering experiences. It gives women a sense of identity other than that of being a mother, daughter or wife, and expands their sphere of influence. To tweak an old saying, the hand that rocks the cradle can change the world.

QUOTE CORNER

She is an inspiration and a six-time world champion. I don't think I can break her world championship record. Chasing that in today's time is impossible. But hopefully, I will try my best at the Olympics to get to the final round and fight for a silver or gold medal. Mary Kom and Lovlina Borgohain won bronze medals; I want to change the colour of the medal.

Nikhat Zareen, 28-year-old Indian boxer who has won two World Championships gold medals, on comparison with MC Mary Kom before the Paris Olympics

Israel is under an obligation to provide full reparation for the damage caused by its internationally wrongful acts to all natural or legal persons concerned.

International Court of Justice, the highest UN court, while declaring Israel's occupation of West Bank and East Jerusalem illegal in a non-binding advisory opinion

I knew this mad man would soon be back. He's incapable of unifying peanut butter & jelly.

Eric Swalwell, US Representative and a Democrat, responding to Donald Trump's rants after calling for national unity following the attempt on his life

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Trust deficit

Ref: *Lessons from India's midnight tryst with fiscal destiny* (Jul 18). When states agreed to share GST with compensation for losses, the Union government stealthily added to its kitty through cesses. There must be an independent body to implement the agreed formula. As the author rightly said, democracy can achieve great results if states and the Centre work together without a trust deficiency.

Jayachandran C, Chennai

Dairy development

Ref: *Waiting for the bulls to come home* (Jul 20). While amazingly tracing our efforts to improve dairy yields by careful breeding of cattle from the mid-1930s to the present-day Gokul Mission, the writer has rightly emphasised the need to focus on better breeds so that Indian milk yields can become three times higher than what it is at present.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Trump trouble

Ref: *Existential peril not always a trump card* (Jul 20). Many considered Donald Trump becoming the US president in 2017 an aberration in history. If Trump gets elected again, it will be disastrous not only for the US but also for the whole world order. Can the US afford to entrust the nuclear button to Trump, who is led more by instincts and intuitions?

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Religious laws

The Supreme Court's decision that a Muslim man should pay alimony to a divorced Muslim woman under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code has reiterated the position the court had taken in the Shah Bano case. The decision has been cavilled by some elements. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board has objected, saying they are required to follow their personal law. If they want sharia laws to be sacrosanct for Muslims, will they allow Hindus to follow the Manu Smriti, which Hindus may regard as sacrosanct?

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Hygienic food

The mandate to display the name and number of eatery owners along the routes of kanwar yatras in UP, Uttarakhand seem malafide. Rather than giving the choice of picking an eatery by religion or caste, it is rather more important to give safe and hygienic food to the pilgrims. The authorities should be more particular about the health and hygiene aspects and that the pilgrims are not exploited.

Krishnaprasad S, Palakkad

MLAs' attendance

I was shocked to read the arrangements made by the speaker of the Karnataka assembly to enable our so-called honourable state legislators to attend proceedings of the House. This is the height of arrogance from our elected representatives. These people promise anything while contesting elections and forget everything after getting elected. Shame on these MLAs. I would like to suggest to the speaker to cut their salary and perks whenever they don't attend the assembly for a part or a full day.

Anand Joshi, Hubballi

Left arrogance

The Kerala CPI(M)'s haughtiness is showing from the local to higher levels. The term 'Communist arrogance' has become common in Kerala after the LDF's Lok Sabha defeat, also seen as a reason for the losses. The recent Students' Federation of India and CPI(M) atrocities in Koyilandy, Kariavattom and Thiruvananthapuram are incidents of the same sort. Urgent fixes are needed for the party. It seems they have forgotten they are now limited to governance in a single state.

Mohammed Shafi, Kozhikode

Budget hopes

We hope that Nirmala Sitharaman does not fall into the familiar trap of doling out freebies while delivering her budget speech on July 23 and continues along the path of fiscal prudence, like she has tried to do over the last five years. We also hope that the budget will not be stealing Paul to pay Peter in the outlays this time.

Akhilesh Krishnan, Navi Mumbai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Current global IT outages totally disrupting vital sectors show the wisdom of the 2007 Kerala LDF govt's visionary move to promote #FreeSoftware, reducing reliance on proprietary systems.

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
21st July is a blood-soaked day in the history of Bengal. 13 lives were brutally taken away by the repressive regime of CPI(M) on this day in 1993.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
After the UPSC recruitment scam of an IAS officer has come to light, resignation is not a solution. Those responsible for this must be held accountable.

Amid UP rumblings, Yogi likely to meet Modi

CM may discuss with party leaders Lok Sabha poll debacle ahead of or after NITI Aayog meet in Delhi on July 27

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior BJP leaders ahead of or after the NITI Aayog governing council meeting due on July 27.

The CM's meeting is set against the backdrop of rumblings within the UP BJP and a rift between Yogi and his deputy Keshav Maurya.

"In Delhi, Yogi's top-level interactions are likely to focus on the UP BJP," said a senior government functionary aware of the development.

Yogi's Delhi visit assumes significance as it comes barely two days ahead of the state legislature's monsoon session set to start from July 29.

Sources said the CM may discuss with top brass the party's feedback about the Lok Sabha poll debacle. The talks may also cover the upcoming bypolls.

The BJP is already in the poll mode with Yogi forming a team of 16 ministers to oversee poll preparations in the 10 assembly segments where bypolls are due later this year.

A party organisation-versus-state government tussle surfaced when Deputy CM Keshav Maurya claimed that the organisation was bigger than the government, at an executive committee meeting of the state BJP in the presence of party chief JP Nadda on July 14.

Yogi attributed the below par performance to the party's 'overconfidence', which he

claimed hurt the prospects in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls. While Yogi also attributed the poll loss to the inability of alliance partners to muster enough number of voters from their communities.

Maurya sought to pin the accountability on the UP CM himself, giving out a sense that Yogi had a disconnect with the party and party cadre. "The pain of the BJP cadre and mine is the same. The organisation is bigger than the government. Nobody is bigger than the organisation," Maurya said at the state executive in Lucknow.

The meeting was part of a prolonged review process within the BJP to assess its losses in the state in the elections. Maurya has been skipping Cabinet meetings since the June 4 results and staying continuously in Delhi. His attitude is seen as a form of protest against the CM's style of functioning.

A section of BJP leaders and those from alliance partners also sought to suggest that Yogi gave precedence to bureaucrats over state leaders and the party cadre. This, they claim, led to a sense of alienation not just within the ruling alliance but also the government and the people.

The state executive meeting was followed by Maurya's meeting with JP Nadda in New Delhi on July 16 wherein he reportedly briefed him about the unfolding developments in the state BJP and the state government.

State BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary also met Nadda, home minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Modi leading to speculation about a likely reshuffle in the state party unit and a rejig in the Yogi cabinet.

The BJP, it is learnt, is keen on having an OBC leader as its state chief to bounce back from the Lok Sabha poll debacle which saw the party tally dipping to 33 seats from 62 in 2019. The focus will be on state polls, which are three years away in 2027. After a resounding victory in the last two state assembly polls in 2017 and 2022, the BJP will be determined for a hat-trick. That's why speculation is rife about changes in the party organisation.

Visit before assembly's monsoon session significant

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's Delhi visit to meet the party top brass assumes significance as it comes barely two days ahead of the state legislature's monsoon session set to start from July 29.

Maurya volte-face, says all's well in party, slams SP for 'politicising' Kanwar Yatra

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UTTAR Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Saturday denied there are murmurs of rift and rumblings in the state BJP unit and the government.

"Nothing is happening, there is no rumour. It is the media that is trying to look at it that way," Maurya laughed it off, when asked about the troubles in state unit.

The Deputy CM, who was in Prayagraj to attend the wedding of UP industries minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi's son on Saturday, also attacked Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, saying that the Opposition was indulging in pure appeasement politics.

"Their only motive is to hamper the piousness and sanctity of Kanwar Yatra," he told media persons later, after kicking off the state government's plantation drive in Prayagraj.

On the controversy over the state government's guidelines for Kanwar Yatra regarding the display of nameplates on eateries and the SP chief's stand over it, Maurya said the Opposition should offer Ganga Jal to Lord Shiva to rid the life of aberrations.

"The sacred month of Sawan starts from Monday. Crores of Shiva devotees embark upon Kanwar Yatra to fetch Ganga Jal and offer it to the Lord. Those who raise issues on it are indulging in the politics of appeasement," he said.

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All set for bypolls

On the upcoming bypolls to 10 assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh, Maurya expressed confidence that the BJP would win all the 10 seats, including Phulpur.

VIKRAM MISRI

THE MAN OF ALL SEASONS AT FOREIGN OFFICE

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THOSE who know Vikram Misri in the Ministry of External Affairs say the new top diplomat is progressive, forward-looking and well-versed with not only the internal exigencies of the current dispensation but also their diverse nuances expressed outside India's borders.

Misri, before assuming charge as the foreign secretary, was the deputy national security advisor and, before that, the ambassador in Beijing.

The combo of experiences could have qualified him to be called the "China expert". More so, as the Galwan clashes in eastern Ladakh took place during Misri's ambassadorship in Beijing. At least 20 Indian soldiers were martyred in a deadly skirmish with the Chinese PLA (People's Liberation Army) troops, who too suffered an unspecified number of casualties at the Himalayan peaks.

"With continued communication at all levels — political, diplomatic and military — the two sides would be able to resolve the current difficulties and take the relationship forward in a positive direction," Misri told China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi before returning to India in December 2021.

During the same conversation with Wang, Misri said that the India-China relationship comprised both opportunities and challenges, even though certain challenges in 2020 had overpowered opportunities in the relationship.

Misri's other unique qualification is that he has served three prime ministers of different political shades as private secretary — IK Gujral (1997-1998), Manmohan Singh (2012-2014) and Narendra Modi (May to July 2014).

True to India's commitment to the 'neighbourhood first' doctrine, Misri has embarked on his first overseas visit to Bhutan within three days of assuming charge.

Bhutan is crucial for India as it had resumed border talks with China during the previous government. However, the new government under Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay seems favourable towards India. Misri met the king of Bhutan, the Prime Minister and his counterpart during his visit and also co-chaired development cooperation talks between the two countries.

Born in Srinagar, Misri, 59, is a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer and succeeded Vinay Mohan Kwatra on July 15. Misri holds a bachelor's degree in history from Delhi University's Hindu College and an MBA from XLRI Jamshedpur.

Three years before making it to the foreign service, Misri worked in the advertising sector at Lintas in Mumbai and Contract Advertising in Delhi.

He has worked at the Ministry of External Affairs' Pakistan desk and also with two former external affairs ministers, Pranab Mukherjee and I K Gujral. He has had stints in the Indian missions in Belgium, Pakistan, the US, Sri Lanka and Germany.

One of the biggest challenges that stares Misri in the face is to maintain India's diplomatic stance of "strategic autonomy", which until now has enabled India to balance its ties with the US-led West and Russia.

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On July 11, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti said that there was no such thing as strategic autonomy in times of conflict. "We will, in crisis moments, need to know each other. I don't care what title we put to it but we will need to know that we are trusted friends," said Garcetti.

This fallout primarily stems from India's resistance to condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Meanwhile, the ties with China are at a low against the backdrop of a tense Line of Actual Control despite several rounds of talks to bring about a thaw.

In the neighbourhood, Misri's stint in Myanmar (2016) will hold him in good stead while deciding on how to tackle the juntaled government which has been in turmoil, leading to an inflow of thousands of Myanmarese refugees into India.

Kanwariyas ransack eatery in UP over onion in curry, Indore for toeing Yogi line

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A DAY after the Uttar Pradesh government mandated display of nameplates on the eateries falling on the Kanwar yatra route, a group of Kanwariyas, heading to Haridwar with water collected from the Ganga, ransacked an eatery on finding onion slices in the food in Muzaffarnagar.

The kanwariyas from neighbouring Haryana stopped at an eatery — Tau Hukkewalah Haryanvi Tourist Dhaba — on Delhi-Haridwar National Highway for lunch. While having meals, they found onion slices in the curry. The agitated kanwariyas assaulted the dhaba workers and ransacked the furniture and the refrigerator in the dhaba. They targeted the chef too, but he managed to escape.

Chapar Police Station SHO Rogent Tyagi said that since the Lord Shiva devotees consume simple satvik food during Sawan, they get agitated when they find onion in the curry.

Dhaba owner Pramod Kumar said it all happened due to confusion. He was not aware that Kanwariyas did not even consume onions.

Meanwhile, the Yogi Adityanath government's decision to display eatery owners' names has triggered a clamour for a similar move in the adjoining Madhya Pradesh.

At least three ruling BJP MLAs — including an ex-minister — have hailed the UP government's decision and demanded a similar move in the state.

The demand has emanated from the country's cleanest city and MP's commercial capital Indore, when MLA Ramesh Mendola wrote to Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav demanding that display of owners' names be made compulsory across the state.

"I request the MP government to make displaying names of owners or operators of all mobile and immobile shops compulsory. Such a move will establish the identity of each shop owner in the society and help the shop owner enhance his goodwill among customers. It will also ensure better services to customers," he wrote.

Gogoi: Oppn won't let NDA govt bulldoze Budget session

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

INDIA bloc will not allow the NDA government to bulldoze the Budget session of Parliament to be held from July 22 to August 12, said Gaurav Gogoi, Congress' Deputy Leader in Lok Sabha.

In an interview with this newspaper, the Jorhat MP said the Opposition will raise crucial issues such as Manipur, NEET, Agniveer, cross-border terrorism in Jammu, food inflation and unemployment.

"Congress also wants to debate on matters related to Indian foreign policy. We are concerned that under PM Modi, India's influence in South Asia is diminishing and our neighbors are looking elsewhere for their countries' economic progress," he said.

While the inaugural session of the 18th Lok Sabha witnessed disruption and chaos, Gogoi said that NDA has a greater responsibility to run Parliament smoothly.

"To run Parliament smoothly, BJP has to practice consensus, which PM Modi preached on the first day of the 18th Lok Sabha. However, they are doing just the opposite. First, they did not give the pro tem speaker post to Congress' seniormost MP. Then they interrupted the speech of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi many times. Our second MP from Manipur was not allowed to put forward the case of Manipur on record," Gogoi said, adding that the Opposition will ensure that the Treasury benches do not bulldoze Parliament this time.

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"Bulldozing the session means running a bulldozer over the aspirations and hopes of the youth, unemployed, women, scheduled castes, and minority sections," he said, adding that the INDIA bloc will not allow BJP's diversionary tactics to succeed this session.

While the NDA government and the INDIA bloc has locked horns over the contentious issue of the post of the Deputy Speaker, Gogoi said that the Opposition will keep up pressure on the government to concede the post for them.

Though Rahul Gandhi demanded one full day for discussion on NEET, the government did not allow it, he pointed out. "We are concerned about the malaise that exists in higher education, with the way curriculums are being changed, exam papers are being leaked, political appointments are being made to the position of V-Cs in universities, and the diminishing standards of research in higher education," he said.

On the Budget to be presented on July 23, he said, "Certain business monopolies close to the Prime Minister would get further support to expand their business cartels to raise the prices of their goods and make it harder for the honest middle-class taxpayer."

Tibetan govt-in-exile plans to draw map of Tibet with original names of places

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BUOYED by the US Senate and the Congress recently passing 'The Resolve Tibet Act,' which is now awaiting the Presidential assent, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), the Tibetan government-in-exile, is now planning to draw a new map of Tibet with the "original geographical and historical contours and names," said Sikyong Penpa Tsering in a telephonic conversation with this newspaper from Toronto. Tsering is the democratically elected President (Sikyong) of the Tibetan government-in-exile, which is run from Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh.

"The objective behind the new map is to counter Beijing's claim on Tibet as part of the People's Republic of China. Tibet is an independent State and the proposed map, which is in the planning stage, will have the original names of places occupied and sinicised by the Chinese. Earlier too, there have been cartography studies on the map of Tibet, including the one by the Amnye Machen Institute in Dharamshala," said the Sikyong. The Tibetan map drawn by the institute has used the Tibetan systems of knowledge and references.

Tsering added that China has changed the names of places not just in Tibet. "They have done this in Arunachal Pradesh and elsewhere in the South China Sea, as part of their territorial propaganda," he added.

Meanwhile, noted strategist and Tibetologist Claude Arpi said that the proposed map of Tibet, with the traditional place names, is an "excellent initiative as it will show the Indo-Tibet boundary, today disputed by China, in a proper historical light," he said. "It is high time that the Government of India calls its northern border 'Indo-Tibet' and not 'Sino-India'.

Similarly, what we call the McMahon Line should be called the McMahon-Shatra's line since the border agreement signed in March 1914 had two signatures: of the then foreign Secretary of India, Sir Henry McMahon, and of Lonchen Shatra, the then prime minister of Independent Tibet," said Arpi, adding that the CTA should work closely with the Indian authorities in order to produce a joint map of the Indo-Tibet boundary.

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DEADLY PATHOGEN

CHANDIPURA VIRUS, WHICH HAS CAUSED PANIC IN GUJARAT AND ADJOINING AREAS, IS BEHIND DEATHS OF SEVERAL CHILDREN IN THE PAST EVER SINCE IT WAS FIRST DETECTED IN INDIA IN 1965.

Representative image

WHAT IS CHANDIPURA VIRUS?
Chandipura Viral Encephalitis, a member of Vesiculovirus genus of the family Rhabdoviridae, was first isolated in 1965, from the blood of two adults with a febrile illness in a village in Nagpur County, Maharashtra.

XPLAINER

HOW IT GOT ITS NAME
The virus was first isolated in the village, called Chandipura, in Nagpur. It was named after the village it was first identified.

CAUSE
The likely vector is the female phlebotomine sandfly. During 2003 outbreak, Chandipura virus RNA was detected by PCR in sandflies collected around the house of a patient with encephalitis.

WHO CAN GET INFECTED?

- The susceptible age-group is children up to 15 years old, with the maximum risk for kids under 10. Children from the lower strata living in kuccha houses are more vulnerable.
- In 2003 Andhra Pradesh outbreak, the age of over 300 affected children was between nine months and 14 years and most deaths occurred within 48 hours of admission to the hospital.
- In the latest outbreak in Gujarat, all of the suspected deaths are of young children.

THE SYMPTOMS
Sudden onset of high fever followed by seizures, altered sensorium, diarrhoea and vomiting followed by death.

TREATMENT
No known vaccines or antivirals are available so far. The treatment includes hospitalisation and supportive care, like fluids and electrolytes, medicines to control fever and seizures, and monitoring for other complications such as brain swelling.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES
Sand flies (Vectors) are carrying this virus so control measures like insecticide spray and fogging to kill the sandflies will prevent the spread of the disease.

(TEXT BY: KAVITA BAJELI-DATT)

How many times has it been detected in India since 1965?

According to Ramesh S Jadi, a former National Institute of Virology scientist who was instrumental in isolating the virus from clinical samples from **2003** Karimnagar Andhra Pradesh outbreak, it was first detected in India in **1965**.

Since then it has been reported year after year — Aurangabad (1967-69); Raipur (1980); Andhra Pradesh (2003); Gujarat (2004), Maharashtra (2007), Vidarbha (2012), Gujarat (2014, 2016, and 2019, and the latest one which has killed over 20 children).

The maximum number of cases and deaths were reported in Andhra Pradesh in 2003 when **183** deaths with a 56% case fatality rate were reported, said Dr Jadi.

Is the virus reported in other parts of the world?

Nigeria, West Africa in **1975**; Senegal, Africa in **1993**; again in Senegal, Africa **(1994-1997)**

BUILDING COLLAPSE

An 80-year-old woman was killed, and four others sustained injuries after a portion of a balcony of a four-storey residential building in south Mumbai came crashing down on Saturday, officials said.

100 PEOPLE RESCUED IN UP FLASH FLOODS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	28	26
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	35	28	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	39	29	Lucknow	36	29
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	28	23
Srinagar	33	16	Chandigarh	35	19

Gujarat BJP chief and mantri — Patil's dual role to continue

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THE BJP's **CR Patil** will continue in dual posts – as a Union Minister of Jal Shakti and the Gujarat party president. Patil is known for advocating the principle of 'one person, one post.' Sources indicated that despite his public appeal to step down as the state party president, Patil would continue to hold the twin positions until November.

Patil called a meeting of party leaders at the state party headquarters in Gandhinagar on Friday where he announced the induction of several new members into the organization. The Gujarat party unit had a two-day extended executive (Brihad Karobari) meeting at the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir in Salangpur, located in Botad district beginning July 4.

The session was chaired by CR Patil where he expressed his desire to step down, citing 'one person, one position.'

"Relieve me from the responsibility of the party president based on the principle of one person, one position. I have requested the leadership to convey my feelings to the party workers," Patil said.

Patil's 3-year tenure actually ended on July 20 last year. Sources indicate that he may not be relieved of his responsibilities yet, given the upcoming municipal and panchayat polls expected in October-November.

He called a meeting with Gujarat BJP office-bearers at Kamalam, the party's headquarters in Gujarat. According to party insiders, the meeting was conducted in three phases, during which several organizational changes were announced. According to a statement from Gujarat BJP, Dharmendra Shah, the state's joint treasurer, has been removed from his position. He has also been relieved of his duties as joint incharge of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.

'White paper on demography soon'

Home Minister Amit Shah says BJP move is aimed at protecting tribal land rights in J'khand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said rampant infiltration has led to shrinking of tribal population in Jharkhand and assured that if the BJP comes to power in the state, it will bring out a 'white paper' on demography to protect tribal land rights.

Addressing the BJP's extended working committee meeting in Ranchi, attended by over 25,000 party workers, Shah accused Chief Minister Hemant Soren of being involved in 'love jihad' and 'land jihad' due to his "vote bank and appeasement policy," which he claimed was causing demographic changes. "Tribals are being evicted from their land. The tribal population is decreasing due to conversion. When BJP comes to power, it will bring a white paper and give back the land to tribals," he said.

Terming the Soren-led government in Jharkhand as the most corrupt in the country, Shah appealed to BJP workers to remove the JMM-led coalition government in the upcoming Assembly elections. He thanked the BJP workers for securing nine out of 14 seats in Lok Sabha polls, saying the party has got major share of votes in 52 out of 81 Assembly segments. "Take it in writing that this time NDA government will be formed in Jharkhand under the leadership of PM Modi."

Amit Shah during the BJP's extended working committee meeting in Ranchi | PTI

'Vote bank and appeasement policy'

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Shah also targeted INDIA bloc and Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, accusing them of "showing arrogance" despite losing the Lok Sabha polls. "The BJP got more seats in this Lok Sabha election than Congress's combined numbers in 2014, 2019, 2024 polls," he said.

"Someone else formed the government in the country, someone else won the election, but arrogance has come to the Congress party. You have seen Rahul Gandhi in Parliament; no one harbours so much arrogance even after winning with a two-third majority," Shah added. "In 2024 elections, the NDA got an absolute majority and the BJP alone got 240 seats; the NDA has got more seats in 2024 alone than the Congress got in the 2014, 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha elections."

Emphasising the BJP's commitment to Jharkhand's development, Shah noted that during Congress's regime, only ₹84,000 crore was allocated for the state's development, whereas under PM Modi, the BJP government ensured ₹3.84 lakh crore for the state in the past 10 years. He credited the BJP with containing the Naxalite menace and providing the state with its first tribal CM.

"It is the BJP who made a tribal woman the President of India and included Santhali language in the eighth schedule of the Constitution. A number of schemes for the country were launched from Jharkhand," he said and added that the BJP government also worked for OBC welfare.

"The present cabinet under PM Modi has a 27 per cent representation of OBCs...Modi has done much work for the welfare of OBCs, Dalits and tribals...He has done work towards strengthening national security," he added.

Referring to recovery of over ₹300 crore from the premises linked to a former Congress MP in Jharkhand, Shah asked people whether they had seen such a huge amount. He also referred to recovery of about ₹30 crore from the house of the PA of a former Jharkhand minister and alleged that Congress was encouraging corruption.

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Ambani wedding gets Raje back in spotlight

Former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje recently stepped out with the top industrialist Mukesh Ambani at his son Anant's wedding. The photos, shared on Raje's official social media, had everyone buzzing. Raje was also spotted riding pillion on a scooter on a tour to her hometown, Jhalawar. Raje has been quiet ever since the BJP ignored her and made first-time MLA Bhajanlal Sharma the CM. She was also sidelined in the Lok Sabha elections and stayed active only in her son's constituency. Despite the BJP's dominance in the last two general elections, this time the party managed to get just 14.

BJP's jibe at Congress over Sachin Pilot

Sachin Pilot seems to be in a tight spot. Tikaram Julie, the leader of the opposition in the Rajasthan assembly, has recently slammed the BJP over PM Narendra Modi's appearance at the wedding of Mukesh Ambani's son. However, the BJP responded by chanting "Sachin Pilot, Sachin Pilot!" His attendance has raised quite a few eyebrows, especially given Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's crusade against industrial giants Ambani and Adani. Rahul has been vocal in accusing Modi of being overly cozy with big business, which is why the Gandhi family skipped the Ambani wedding.

Green light for new airport in Kota

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has become one of the biggest faces of the Rajasthan BJP. He has sparked off an even bigger buzz with the government's green light for a new airport in his home district of Kota, a long-pending demand. A MoU was inked between the Airport Authority of India and the state government in Jaipur, in presence of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma. The government will provide the land for free, and the airport with a budget of 1,200 cr, will be operational in about two and a half years. This airport saga started during Vasundhara Raje's second term but saw land allotted in Shambhupura, Bundi district, under the Gehlot government.

'CPM failed to wake up after '21 state polls'

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"HOWEVER, after the 2021 state election, the CPM failed to read the writing on the wall. The leadership has now understood that to defend against the right-wing onslaught, it will need to drastically shift its position," said a critical insider in CPM.

The rethink is based on the fact that the society is still feudal and since a people's revolution has not happened, there is no scope for dialectical materialism. "Faith is the most important factor affecting society," a state secretariat member said. "A vast majority of people are believers. The CPM often failed to address these sections," he said.

Elephant carcass found buried at Assam refinery, case under Wildlife Act

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A case under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 was registered after the Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) in Assam buried the carcass of a wild elephant without informing the forest department.

The adult female elephant was electrocuted at the Butterfly Park located at the NRL Township in Golaghat district on July 18 and later, some staff buried the carcass within the refinery's complex. The forest department exhumed the carcass and later a post-mortem was carried out.

Divisional Forest Officer Sushik K Thakuria said that they could have electrocuted but the NRL 'blundered' by burying the carcass of the Schedule 1 animal without informing the department. "The cause of death is subject to investigation but the animal, perhaps, bit off the (live) armour cable and got electrocuted. There is also a possibility that there was leakage in the cable," he said.

Chief Wildlife Warden KSPV Pavan Kumar said CM Himanta Biswa Sarma had stated that action would be initiated as per the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act.

Senior journalist and environmentalist Apurba Ballav Goswami slammed the NRL and said, "They are well aware that wild elephants venture in the area. Why did they keep the live wire naked?" he asked. He said the NRL committed a crime by burying the animal's carcass without informing the forest department and demanded the arrest of all those responsible.

NRL spokesperson Madhuchanda Adhikari lamented the incident but said there was no attempt to cover up.

3 more held in paper leak case

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THE servers of the result website crashed on Saturday in the afternoon due to heavy traffic but recovered later. A few complaints were received from students and parents about missing exam results at centres where they had appeared for the exam.

Meanwhile, the CBI on Saturday made three more arrests in the paper leak case, including two MBBS students from a medical college in Rajasthan's Bharatpur and one B Tech (Electrical) graduate from the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, officials said.

The CBI has so far arrested 21 accused in six cases related to the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG exam.

EXPRESS READ

'Ma, Mati, Manush' touch to TMC rally

Kolkata: As the Trinamool Congress is gearing up for its Martyrs' Day rally on Sunday, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the day, to be observed as Ma Mati Manush Divas, would commemorate party's electoral victories in West Bengal. ENS

BSF officer & jawan die of heatstroke during 'Harami Nallah' patrol

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A Border Security Force (BSF) officer and a jawan died of heatstroke while on patrol at the 'Harami Nallah' creek area along the Indo-Pak border in Gujarat, said a BSF statement on Saturday.

The incident occurred on Friday when Assistant Commandant Vishwa Deo and Head Constable Dayal Ram, hailing from Uttarakhand, reportedly suffered heat stroke and dehydration along the border. Assistant Commandant Deo served in the 59th battalion of the BSF, according to the officials. The current temperatures in the Rann of Kutch and Harami Nallah areas are between 34 and 36 degrees with humidity levels as high as 80-82%.

Officials stated that the two were promptly transported to a medical facility in Bhuj by evening but unfortunately, their lives could not be saved.

According to the release, Assistant Commandant Deo and his team, which included Head Constable Dayal Ram, were conducting long-range border patrolling in remote and rugged terrain along the international borders north of Harami Nala. They encountered severe weather conditions and faced medical emergencies.

Despite being promptly evacuated to the nearest medical facilities, they succumbed to critical health conditions.

The release stated that despite their rigorous training and experience, the severity of the situation proved to be overwhelming. The two BSF personnel exemplified the highest standards of bravery and dedication. Their commitment in safeguarding our nation's sovereignty, even in the face of extreme danger, will never be forgotten, the statement further read.

Earlier this year in May, a BSF jawan stationed to guard the same frontier along Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) lost his life due to extreme weather conditions and heat stroke.

Split over coal block, C'garh locals await justice

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

The usual mandatory process for securing Environment Clearance and public hearing organised by the government is meant for the people to frankly voice their views

Bhaskar Vilas Sandipan, Ambikapur collector

AUGUST 2 is scheduled for public hearing for Environment Clearance (EC) for mining in the Kete Extension open cast coal block in north Chhattisgarh's Hasdeo Arand region in Ambikapur district. But there are local voices simmering with resentment as opponents appear head-to-head on the upcoming hearing process.

While several tribal villagers seem in strong support of the upcoming public consultation, the adivasi habitats among the affected villages seek to cancel the hearing in protest as they cited the Kete coal block mining is a new project and 99 % of it remains under pristine forest cover of the region's biodiversity.

The Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB) has issued a circular to organise a public consultation for the project at Parsa village in Udaipur block, some 45 km from the Ambikapur district headquarters.

Parsa East-Kente Basan (PEKB), Parsa and Kete Extension coal blocks in north Chhattisgarh's Hasdeo Arand region have been awarded to Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (RRVUNL).

Those who stand in support of the public hearing submitted their memorandum to Ambikapur collector and Regional Officer of CECB to conduct it as scheduled.

"With the commencement of the Kete Extension coal block project, there will be holistic development of the region, with better scope in education, employment and health besides the expansion of other basic amenities for the people. We have witnessed this in the earlier project", stated the memorandum signed by 5 village sarpanches, four up-sarpanch and other villagers.

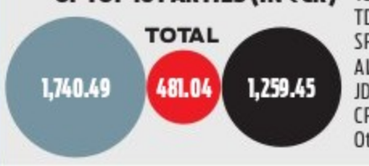
However, those who are disagreeing, claim that the report of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted with the proposal for grant of EC is three-year-old, doesn't reflect the existing ground situation and has concealed important facts. It didn't mention about the presence of elephants and Lemru elephant reserve, which was notified in 2021 and the mining project area extends within a 10 km radius of the reserve. With mining the region will witness increased human-elephant conflict", stated the memorandum presented by sarpanches from affected villages to a regional officer of CECB.

Amid the discordant opinions, the Ambikapur collector Bhaskar Vilas Sandipan said, "There will be no change in the public hearing planned on August 2. The usual mandatory process for securing Environment Clearance and public hearing organised by the government is meant for the people to frankly voice their views and concerns. I have received information that there are villagers in support and also against it. I have appealed to all to attend", the collector told this newspaper.

HOW MUCH DO REGIONAL PARTIES SPEND?

In an analysis of the income and expenditure of 39 regional parties for the financial year 2022-23, the BRS reported the highest income of **₹737.68 crore**, or **42.38%** of the total income of all parties. AITC followed with **₹333.457 crore (19.16%)** and DMK with **₹214.353 crore (12.32%)**. Data showed the income of 20 parties saw an increase from FY22 to FY23, while income of 17 parties declined during the period.

TOTAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF TOP 10 PARTIES (IN ₹ CR)



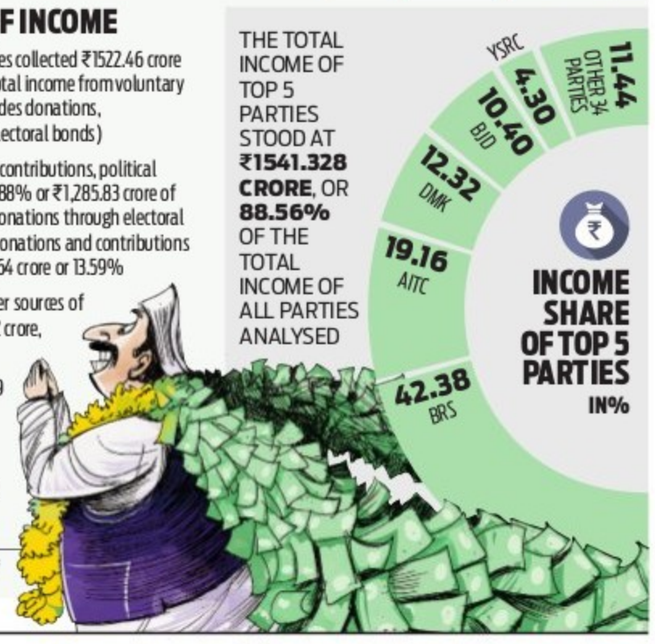
PARTY	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE
BRS	737.68	57.48	680.20
AITC	333.46	181.18	152.27
DMK	214.35	52.62	161.73
BJD	181.05	9.99	171.07
YSRC	74.79	79.33	-4.54
TDP	63.99	12.32	51.68
SP	32.95	31.41	1.54
AIADMK	20.21	6.88	13.33
JD(U)	16.85	5.08	11.78
CPI	15.33	12.46	2.87
Other 29 parties	49.82	32.29	17.53

SOURCES OF INCOME

- 39 regional parties collected ₹1522.46 crore or 87.47% of their total income from voluntary contributions (includes donations, contributions and electoral bonds)
- Under voluntary contributions, political parties collected 73.88% or ₹1,285.83 crore of their income from donations through electoral bonds while other donations and contributions amounted to ₹236.64 crore or 13.59%
- The share of other sources of income was ₹218.02 crore, or 12.53%
- 8.93% or ₹155.39 crore of the total income of the parties was generated through interest income

Source: Association of Democratic Reforms

THE TOTAL INCOME OF TOP 5 PARTIES STOOD AT **₹1541.328 CRORE**, OR **88.56%** OF THE TOTAL INCOME OF ALL PARTIES ANALYSED



GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	19	SNY	Los Angeles	28	19	LC
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	20	9	LR
Dhaka	33	26	TDS	Moscow	17	10	HR
Dubai	38	27	SNY	New York	28	19	SNY
Houston	31	23	TDS	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	29	21	LC	Toronto	18	13	LC
London	22	17	LC	Washington	31	21	LC

UKRAINE LEADER ZELENSKYY HINTS HE'S READY FOR TALKS WITH PUTIN TO END WAR

Analysts point to stalemate on battlefield and prospect of Trump victory for shift in attitude

KYIV

FOR the first time since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion more than two years ago, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday hinted that he is willing to negotiate with President Vladimir Putin, *CNN* reported.

He had previously said any talks could only happen after a full Russian withdrawal from Ukrainian territory.

In his national address on Friday, he suggested that Putin send a delegation to the next peace summit that he hopes to hold in November.

The report said his change of heart may have been prompted by a stalemate on the frontlines and the prospect of Donald Trump returning to the White House after this year's US presidential elections.

Trump pledged to end Ukraine's war with Russia after Zelenskyyy reached out to the former US president to congratulate him on his Republican presidential nomination.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (third from right) talk to Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer at 10 Downing Street, London on Friday | AFP

The two leaders spoke on Friday over the phone.

"President Zelenskyy of Ukraine and I had a very good phone call earlier today. He congratulated me on a very successful Republican National Convention and becoming the Republican nominee for President of the United States," Trump said in a post on Truth Social, a social media post.

The call gains significance as this is his first conversation with a foreign leader after officially becoming the Republican Party's presidential nominee. It also reflects the growing realisation among the international community of his electoral chances in the November 5 elections.

"I appreciate President Zelenskyy for reaching out because I, as your next President of the United States, will bring peace to the world and end the war that has cost so many lives and devastated countless innocent families. Both sides will be able to come together and negotiate a deal that ends the violence and paves a path forward to prosperity," Trump wrote.

Trump said during the call Zelenskyy condemned the heinous assassination attempt on him last Saturday and remarked about the American people coming together in the spirit of Unity during these times. In his post on X, Zelenskyy said that he spoke with Trump to congratulate him on the Republican nomination and condemn the shocking assassination attempt in Pennsylvania. *Agencies*

BILLIONAIRE KING

The 17th King of Malaysia Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar and Queen Raja Zarith Sofiah during his coronation in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. Nine ethnic Malay state rulers take turns as Malaysia's king for five-year terms under the country's rotating monarchy. Billionaire Ibrahim is the ruler of Malaysia's Johor state | AP

EXPRESS READ

Pakistan reports ninth polio case of year

Islamabad: Pakistan on Saturday reported the ninth polio case of the year, jolting the country's efforts to eradicate the crippling disease. The fresh case was reported in Balochistan province's Zhob district, Geo News reported. The victim was a one-and-a-half-year-old child hailing from Zhob's Hassanzai area, it said. The Prime Minister's coordinator on National Health Services, Dr Malik Mukhtar Ahmad, said nine children had been affected by poliovirus in the country this year

Imran's party says four workers abducted by ISI

In a fresh crackdown on jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's party, four senior members of his media team were taken into custody allegedly by intelligence agencies on Saturday. CCTV footage released by the party showed Janjua being taken into custody by plainclothes men in Islamabad at around 4 am. According to the PTI, there has been a serious crackdown on the PTI social media team over the past two weeks

12 dead, 30 missing after bridge collapses in China

BEIJING

A bridge collapse caused by torrential rains in northern China killed 12 people and left more than 30 missing, state media said Saturday.

Large parts of northern and central China have been battered in recent days by rains that have caused flooding and significant damage.

The bridge in the northwestern Shaanxi province buckled "due to a sudden downpour and flash floods" Friday night, according to state news agency Xinhua. All 12 victims in the city of Shangluo were found inside five vehicles that were recovered from the river below the bridge, Xinhua said.

At least 31 people remained missing and initial investigations indicated that 17 cars and eight trucks had fallen into the river, it added.

Images on state television showed a partially submerged section of the bridge with the river rushing over it.

One witness told local media that he had approached the bridge but that other drivers started "yelling at me to brake and stop the car".

"A truck in front of me didn't stop" and fell into the water, the witness, surnamed Meng, said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has urged "all-out rescue and relief efforts" to find those still missing, Xinhua said.

In the southwestern province of Sichuan, more than 30 people were reported missing on Saturday after a violent thunderstorm caused flash flooding in the town of Ya'an, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

On Friday, state media reported at least five people dead and eight missing after the rains sparked flooding and mudslides in Shaanxi's Baoji city. State television broadcast images of neighbourhoods completely flooded by muddy water, with excavators and residents attempting to clear the damage.

The semi-desert province of Gansu, which neighbours Shaanxi, and Henan in central China were also hit by heavy rains this week.

In Henan's Nanyang city, the equivalent of a year's worth of rain fell at the start of the week, CCTV said. And in Sichuan province, two people were reported killed and seven others missing Friday after heavy rain triggered landslides, Xinhua said. China is enduring a summer of extreme weather, with heavy rains across the east and south coming as much of the north has sweltered in successive heatwaves. *AFP*

A collapsed bridge in Zhashui County in Shangluo City, northwest China's Shaanxi Province on Saturday | AP

IN THE COURT OF THE XI ADDL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, AT 3RD FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU COM O.S. NO.83/2024

BETWEEN:

MR. RAJESH R. JAISINGHANI, Aged about 54 years, Son of Radhakishin S Jaisinghani, Residing at 1302, G Wing, Raheja Vistas, Raheja Vihar, off Chandivali Farm Road, Andheri East, Mumbai 400072.

.....PLAINTIFF

AND

M/S. B. K. CONSTRUCTIONS & OTHERS

.....DEFENDANTS

Summons to Defendant Nos.1 to 4,

To,

1. M/S. B. K. CONSTRUCTIONS A Partnership Firm having its office at No.301, Sri. Lakshmi Nest, 10th Main, 5th Cross, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560 038, Represented by its Managing Partner, Mr. B. K. Guruprasad.

2. SRI. B. K. GURUPRASAD, Partner, M/s. B.K. Constructions, S/o B. Krishniah, aged about 49 years,

3. SMT. B. POORNIMA, Partner, M/s. B.K. Constructions, W/o. B.K Guruprasad, aged about 49 years, Defendant No.2 and 3 both are residing at 6-5-502, Maruthi Nagar Extension, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh 515001.

4. SMT. G. S. BABITHA, Partner, M/s. B.K Constructions, D/o Sri. Seetharamaiah, aged about 37 years, residing at No.301, Sri. Lakshmi Nest, 10th Main, 5th Cross, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038.

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted a suit to pass Judgment and Decree to terminate the Joint Development Agreement dated 15.07.2013 and revoke the General Power of Attorney dated 15.07.2013 in view of the breach committed by the Defendants and for other reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court of the XI ADDL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, (COMMERCIAL COURT) AT BENGALURU on **the 7th day of August 2024 at 11.00 a.m** in person or through a Advocate/Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit. Take notice that in default of your appearance or absence on the day above mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this the **18th day of July 2024.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the vacant plot forming a portion of converted land bearing Survey Number 119-1, measuring on the East 58 feet, on the West 58 feet, on the North 179 feet and on the South 167 feet, in all admeasuring 10,034 square feet out of 1 acre 30 guntas, Katha No. 260/119/1 and 281/119/1 respectively, situated at Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the:

East by : Road
West by : Remaining portion of the property in Sy.No.119/1 belonging to G. Rakesh Kumar and G. Nirmal Kumar herein
North by : Property earlier belonging to Smt. Thimmakka, presently belonging to Sri. Jayachandra Reddy
South by : Property of Mr. E.I.D. Parry.

By order of Hon'ble Court
Sheristedar
X Addl. District and Sessions Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff :
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 18.07.2024

LOST

I, **GAJENDRA RAJU,** S/o, Krishnam Raju, aged about 33 years, Residing at, No.8, 1st Main, K. Gollahalli, Kumbalagudu, Bangalore-560074, have LOST my Original Sale Deed pertaining to the Flat No.MZ5, of Sumukha Simhadri Springs Apartment, measuring 1020 Sqft, situated in the below Descriptions, of Property bearing Survey No.7/1, BBMP Khata No.608/5, Situated at, Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 38,864 Sqft, Registered under a Joint Development Agreement, dated:16.09.2010, and Registerd as **Document No.BSK-1-03917-2010-11,** of Book 1, Stored in **CD No.BSKD81,** and also Registered General Power of Attorney, dated:16.09.2010, and Registered as Document **No.BSK-4-00124-2010-11,** of Book-4, stored in **CD No.BSKD81,** in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banashankari, Bangalore. Have Filed Lost Article Report, at Karnataka State Police, bearing **Lost Report No.1151787/2024,** dated:19-07-2024, **Serial No.1151787.** If anybody found please call to **7899161899, 8123925209** or kindly Report to the nearest Police Station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients are namely **Smt. Padmavathy. N** and **Smt. Sowmya. T.S,** have withdrawn their partnership and retired from **M/s. Mechgenius Engineering** firm by mutual consent with the continuing partner and incoming partner with effect from **09.10.2021,** Originally having it's principal office and business situated at **No.902, 9th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Gokula,1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560054, Karnataka.** presently working at #30, Hi-Tech Defence & Aerospace park, KIADB, Bhatramarenahalli post, Devanahalli, Bangalore-562129, under the Deed of re-constituted partnership executed on 09-10-2021.

Public are further notified that **Mr. Prakasha.C.B. S/o Sajjala Boraiah** (was the incoming partner of the firm) and Smt. Pushpalath.P are continuing the business. Therefore my clients are namely Smt. Padmavathy. N and Smt. Sowmya. T. S are no more partners of the above said firm. Any person dealing with M/s. Mechgenius Engineering firm shall do so entirely at their own risk, cost ,consequences and any transaction that they may enter into with M/s. Mechgenius Engineering firm will be without authority.

Sd/-
Salian Saritha Jagannath
(Advocate) M.S.W.,LLB.,
#2,Mourya Mansion,2nd Floor
Behind Hatrick Sports 1st Main Rod,
Gandhi Nagar ,Bangalore-560009
Place: **Bangalore** Date: **20-07-2024**

WESTERN RAILWAY

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION BETWEEN CHURCHGATE - VIRAR SECTION

Sr. DEN (South) MMCT invites **E-Tender Notice No: BCT/24-25/111 dtd.16.07.2024. Work and location: Churchgate-Virar Section:-** Supply, installation, commissioning and operating (5 years) track-based rail Gauge Face Lubricators between Churchgate to Virar section. **Approx. cost of work:** ₹10,76,12,164.80. **EMD:** ₹6,88,100/-. **Date & time of submission:** Till 16.08.2024,15:00 hrs. **Date & time of opening:** on 16.08.2024 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 0353

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mrs.S.Vijayal W/o Mr.K.Singaramani, is the absolute owner of Site No. 10 & 11, BBMP Khata No. 310/208/147, situated at Kothanur Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore.

Whereas my client has lost the original 1) General Power of Attorney, dated 10-02-1987, 2) Affidavit dated 10-02-1987, 3) Absolute Sale Deed dated 31-08-1994, registered as document No.4836/1994-95, Volume 869, Book-I, registered on 01-09-1994, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore. 4) General Power of Attorney dated 30-11-1998 5) Sale Agreement with Possession dated 30-11-1998, while shifting house in Kothanur, Bangalore. I have searched for the documents, everywhere in the house, in spite of my best efforts the above said original documents have not been traced out so far, in this behalf my client has lodged complaint on 17-07-2024, Lost Report No.1148512/2024, before the Karnataka State Police. If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned documents or finds the same, they shall communicate me with original documents at the below mentioned address within 10 days.

CHANNA MALLIKARJUNA G.M,
Advocate
No.# 148/1, Sanjaynagar Main Road,
Bangalore-560094. M: 98865 41280
cmgonhalmath@yahoo.co.in
Date: 20-07-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri.D.S. Rajasekhar S/o Late. D.S.Gopalakrishna Rao,** aged about 62 years, R/at: Byrapura village, Avathi post, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, & others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Late.D.S.Ramaiah S/o Late.D.Srikantarao who died on 26.06.1975** at Kote, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **30/8/2024 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Mis No. 158/2024.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
H.V. Radhamani, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform you that my client **Mr. Job T Simon S/o. Mr. T. Simon Job,** No.458, 3rd Block, 16th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034, has lost the original Sale Deed dt.26.05.1994, registered as Doc.No.1243/94-95 of Book I, Volume 3930 at Pages 9 to 12 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk on 29.08.1994, relating to the property bearing No.40, situated at Brindavan Layout, Basapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 50 feet; North to South : 100 feet. Inspite of best efforts he could not trace the same and in this regard he had lodged **Police Complaint dt.18.07.2024 through online vide Lost Report No.1151219/2024.** If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to below said address.

Narasimhamurthy A.S, Advocate
No.56/A, 3rd Cross, 24th Main,
J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore -78. Bangalore
Mob.No.9886434287 Date:20.07.2024

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Malayalee Nair girl 27/Sep'96, 155, Karthika, CA (UK), employed in UAE, seeks alliance from professionally qualified (PG) and well settled boys employed in India or abroad.

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Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
(CIN:U40107KA2015PLC079223)
5th Floor, #6/13/1, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 560072.
No. KSPDCL/F-242/2024-25 Date:20.07.2024

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites bids for **Design, manufacture, testing, supply and installation/demonstration of one No. of Portable Trolley type single phase HT & LT cable fault locator system suitable for testing, locating pin pointing cable faults of Low/Medium/High voltage power cables up to 33kV voltage class conforming to KSPDCL** technical specification through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the KPP portal **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 22.07.2024.**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

KALABURAGI MAHANAGARA PALIKE KALABURAGI

Ph: 08472-278675, Fax: 08472 / 260776, Email: itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No: KMP/EE/TS-02/15TH FC/06/2024-25 Date 20.07.2024.

Karnataka Public Procurement Portal 7 Days Short Term Tender Notification

1) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi invites 01 tenders as per KPPP Portal 2.0 act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through KPPP Portal in KW- 4 Tender bid documents under 15th Finance 2021-22 Million plus Challenge fund to Non Million plus city & Revised 15th Finance Commission 2024-25 Scheme. The bid documents can be downloaded from KPPP Portal website and any information related to these tenders will be updated on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in, 2) Estimate Sanction cost: Rs. 79.10 lakhs. 3) Class of Contractor: Class III & Above, 3) EMD Value: Amount Rs. 1,58,200.00, 4) Pre Bid Meeting date: 29.07.2024 upto 11-00 am. 4) Last date of Bid Submission: 29.07.2024 upto 4-30 pm. 5) Technical Bid Opening date:30.07.2024 upto 4-35 pm. 6) Financial Bid Opening date:31.07.2024 after 11:30 am. For further information visit www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in 7) Office Address : Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. 8) For more details visit Office Website http://www.kalaburagicity.mrc.gov.in/

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/227/KSMC&A/2024-25

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
VIJAYA NAGAR BRANCH-BENGALURU
54, Binny Layout, Near-Soundarkunj Apartments, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560040

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

To: 1) M/s. ADR Contractors Prop. Sri R Ajay, 104, 80ft Ring Road, Mariyappana Palya, Jnanabharathi Post Bidadi, Bangalore-560056. **2) Smt. L. Madhukumari D/o. Sri D.Lingaiah,** Residing at No.242/H,19th Cross Road, 21st Main Road ,Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 (Owner of the Properties shown as item no I under schedule A). **3) Ajay R S/o Late D Ramaiah,** No.104, Mariyappana Palya, 80 ft Road, Gnanabharathi Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-56 (Owner of the Properties shown as item no II under schedule A). **4) Smt T Gowramma W/o Late D Ramaiah,** No.104, Mariyappana Palya, Bangalore University Post,Bangalore-56 (Owner of the Properties shown as item no III under schedule A). **5) Smt Sri priya W/o R Ajay,** No. 104, Mariyappana Palya, 80 ft Road, Gnanabharathi Post, KengeriHobli, Bangalore-56. **6) Sri D H Appajigowda S/o Hanumegowda,** No.210, 16th Main, 24th Cross Road, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560070. (Owner of the Properties shown as item no IV & V under schedule A)

3.1 Sub: loan account/s of M/s ADR Contractor with Indian Bank Vijayanagar branch - Reg.

You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of **Rs.12,87,45,820.28** with further interest at the agreed rate from 01.04.2024 till date of repayment. The Bank, issued notice under the Act on 25.04.2024 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.12,87,45,820.28** as on 31.03.2024. The notice was sent to you by *Regd post has been returned unserved.

You are called upon to pay **Rs.12,87,45,820.28** together with interest from 01.04.2024 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank, will be constrained to exercise rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right / remedy available to the Secured Creditor.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities"

*****This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor - including its right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decree obtained/to be obtained.

SCHEDULE 'A' (Description of Property)
Item No. I (Belonging to Smt. L Madhukumari)

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Item No	Survey No	Extent areas of Land/Building	Location sub-District Village/Municipality	Boundaries
1.	66/2/66/2/7	Measuring East to West 48.3 and North to South 96.3 Totally measuring an area of 4651.29 Sq.ft.,	All that piece and parcel of the vacant site/ land bearing No.7, formed out of converted land bearing Sy.No.66/2 measuring 4651.29 Sq.ft situated at Sy.No. 66/2, Shivu Layout Mariyappanapalya Main Road, Nagadevanahalli, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Word No 130 Ullalu Bangalore-560056	East by: Site No. 66/2/1 and 66/2/2, West by: Site bearing No. 66/2/6 belong to L. Mamatha North by: Remaining portion of land in Same site South by: 60 feet Road.
Item No. II (Belonging to Sri Ajay R)				
1.	495/77/104/1	Measuring an area of 6340 Sq.ft.,	All that piece and parcel of the vacant site/land bearing No.104/1, measuring as area of 6340 Sq.ft, situated at Sy.No.77, Khata No 495/77/104/1 Mariyappanapalya, Nagadevanahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560056	East by : Site No. 105 West by : Site No. 104 North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 76 South by : Private Road
Item No. III(Belonging to SmtGowramma T)				
1.	104	Measuring an area of 8000 Sq.ft.,	All that piece and parcel of the vacant site/land bearing No.104, measuring as area of 8000 Sq.ft, situated at Sy. No. PID No.130-W0929-19 Sy.No.77, 80ft Ring Road, Mariyappanapalya, Nagadevanahalli, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560056	East by : Site No. 104/1 and Land bearing Sy no.76 West by : 80 feet ring road North by : Road South by : Private Road and portion of site No 104/1
Item No. IV (Belonging to Sri D H Appajigowda)				
1.	Side No. 486	2325 Sq. Ft	All that piece and parcel of the BDA site/land bearing No.486, measuring as area of 2324 Sq.ft, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage 8th Block, Bangalore - 560060	East by : Road West by :Site No.491 North by : Site No 485 South by : SiteNo.487
Item No. V (Belonging to Smt Sripriya and Sri D H Appajigowda)				
1.	BDA no.3428/A, Municipal No.3428/A/0062/02 Khatha No.PA76/KTR74/2013-14 with PID NO. 8-58-62/2 and 8/58/62/2-1	Measuring East to West: 30 ft and North to South: 84 Ft along with 10 squares of AC sheet roofed residential house Totally Measuring 2520 sqft	Property situated at Old Municipal No.3428/A, New No.62/28, 62/2-1,PID No 8-58-62-2 and 8/58/62/2-1 2nd stage, Rajajinagar 3rd Cross Road, C Block, Gayathrinagar, 8th Ward of Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, Bengaluru - 560 021	East by : Site No. 3429 West by :Site No.3428 North by : Road South by : SiteNo.3401/A

Date: 25.04.2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Indian Bank

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE - U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017 (Phone: 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl.No	Description	Details	
1	Name of work	Providing MS Walkway Approach Between AHU at 20 Ton Shaker building & LSSC building and Shed for Outdoor Equipments Near Substation area at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru - 560017.	Providing Storm Water Drain from Gate No.1 to Car Parking Area at URSC Campus, Vimanapura Bengaluru - 560017.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/15/2024-25, dated: 16.07.2024	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/16/2024-25, dated: 16.07.2024
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 23.10 Lakhs	₹ 11.45 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	E-Tender	
5	Period of completion	SIX MONTHS	FOUR MONTHS
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 46,200/- valid for 180 days	₹ 22,900/- valid for 180 days
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 19.07.2024 to 16.30 hrs on 29.07.2024	
8	Bid Clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 22.07.2024 to 17.00 hrs on 30.07.2024	
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs on 31.07.2024	
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs on 01.08.2024	
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs Onwards on 01.08.2024	

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Group Director, C&MG

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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ 'Educational Institutions' ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಪರಿವರ್ತನೆ ಮಾಡಲು ವಲಯ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ವಯ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ನೀಡಲು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ Master plan request ID ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 672291 ಮತ್ತು 672293ರಂತೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ರವರು ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಮಹಾ ಯೋಜನೆ-2021 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ವಲಯ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳ ಅನುಸಾರ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ "Educational and health Institutions" ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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19.5L members retirement fund body EPFO has added in May 2024, highest net addition since first payroll data issued in April 2018, Labour Ministry said on Saturday

Balance sheet grew with merger and not in actual % terms

HDFC BANK LOGS 35% INCREASE IN NET PROFIT

EARNINGS

NET PROFIT
- Q1FY25: ₹16,474.85 cr
- Q1FY24: ₹12,370 cr

TOTAL INCOME:
- Q1FY25: ₹83,701 cr
- Q1FY24: ₹57,816 cr

PROVISIONING
- Q1FY25: ₹2,602 cr
- Q1FY24: ₹2,860 cr

NPAS
- Q1FY25: 1.33%
- Q4FY24: 1.24%

Gross advances stood at ₹24.87 trillion, up 52.6% YoY. Net interest income rose 50.31% to ₹73,033.14 cr from ₹48,586.81 cr during same quarter of last year — Management

Bank's asset quality improved

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DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

RETURNING to its once famed over 30% net income for as many as 34 quarters on the trot which ended with the pandemic era, the second-largest lender logged in a robust 35.33% jump in net profit at ₹16,174.75 crore for the June quarter even though the numbers are not comparable since the merger with its parent took effect only from July last year.

Higher profit is in spite of the bank seeing doubling of its standalone net NPAs and gross NPAs shooting up by 73% in absolute basis as the balance sheet expanded with the merger and not in actual percentage terms as the provisions came down massively. Loan provisions for the quarter stood at ₹2,602 crore, a reduction compared to ₹13,511.64 crore in the previous quarter indicating that the asset quality has only improved.

In percentage terms GNPA inched up to 1.33% compared to 1.24% in the previous quarter and 1.17% in the year ago period. Similarly, net NPAs rose to 0.39% from 0.33% as of March 2023 and 0.30% as on June 2023. In absolute terms, GNPA rose to ₹33,025.69 crore as against ₹31.173.32 crore in March 2023 and ₹19,064.12 crore in June 2023. Similarly, NNPA stood at ₹9,508.44 crore in the reporting quarter, compared to ₹8,091.74 crore in a quarter ago period and ₹4,776.87 crore in a year ago. In the year ago quarter on a standalone basis its net income stood at ₹11,951.77 crore. However due to better asset quality provisioning was down to ₹2,602 crore from ₹2,860 crore a year earlier.

Total deposits were at ₹23.79 lakh crore, up 24.4% year-on-year. Of this Casa deposits grew 6.2%, with saving account deposit at ₹5.97 trillion, and current account deposit at ₹2.67 trillion . Gross advances stood at ₹24.87 trillion, up 52.6% year-on-year. The net interest income rose by 50.31% to ₹73,033.14 crore from ₹48,586.81 crore during the same quarter of the previous year, the management told reporters in a concall Saturday.

On a consolidated basis net grew 33.17% to ₹16,474.85 crore in Q1FY25. On the impact of merger and the resultant transition to the revised asset classification norms the bank made a clean gain of ₹482.87 crore after transition to the revised norms for classification, valuation and operation of investment portfolio of banks on April 1.

YES BANK NET PROFIT SOARS 47% TO ₹502 CRORE ON LOWER PROVISIONS

MUMBAI: Mid-sized private sector lender Yes Bank, rescued by an RBI-led package in March 2020, has reported a robust 47% rise in its net profit to ₹502 crore in the June quarter on improved asset quality which has seen its bad loan pile halving. The net NPAs halved to 0.5% in the reporting quarter from 1% a year ago, while gross NPAs declined marginally to 1.7% from 2%, which led to the bank make lesser provisions for and loans, which plunged by 41.2%, said Prashant Kumar, managing director of the city based lender told reporters in an earnings Saturday. *ENS*

Kotak Bank profit up 81% to ₹6,250 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Mumbai

A stake sale in its general insurance subsidiary has boosted standalone net income of the fourth largest private sector lender, Kotak Mahindra Bank, by 81% to ₹6,250 crore, of which as much as ₹3,012 crore came in as the one-time income from deal with Zurich Insurance group that picked up 70% in the company during June quarter. In April-June quarter of last fiscal, it had booked only ₹3,452 crore profit.

That means keeping the insurance stake aside, consolidating net profit stood at ₹4,435 crore, the bank said on Saturday. Net interest income of the lender was ₹6,842 crore, 10% more than the ₹6,234 crore it had in the same period last fiscal. In fact, none of the numbers met the street expectations as the bank's business was hit by the RBI ban on digital and mobile banking channels from the middle of April for not meeting KYC requirements and also for not fully securing customer data from a technical angle.

"The RBI ban on digital and mobile banking channels had quite an impact on financials – saw temporary disruption on digital journeys, 811 business and credit cards, " the management told reporters at the earnings call Saturday.

They claimed that they "have made major progress during the quarter with respect to IT infrastructure" but didn't share any details. They said in consultation with the RBI, they have put together a plan in place with Accenture, and Infosys for the tech upgrade.

"We have also started the the RBI mandated external audit and have appointed GT Bharat as external auditors in consultation with the regulator.

NEWSCOPE

FLIP-FLOP DIPLOMACY IS A FAILING SCRIPT

GURBIR SINGH

IF Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Russia was to signal India's equidistant position between Russia and the US, it did not work.

The optics were wrong. Perhaps, to emphasize India's Russian connection, the timing was carefully chosen. Prime Minister Modi selected Russia for his first foreign bilateral visit after being sworn in for his third term; and the fact that the NATO was holding a summit in Washington at the same time in support of Ukraine was not lost on all our hawk-eyed pundits of international diplomacy.

Even the bear hug Mr Putin got, now our PM's standard greeting for all male foreign heads of state, may have just about been digested. But then things went horribly wrong. Even as Putin was feting and bestowing awards on Mr Modi in Moscow, a supersonic Russian missile blew up a children's hospital in Kiev killing 37.

The reaction was swift. Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a tweet called it a "devastating blow to peace efforts to see the leader of the world's largest democracy hug the world's most bloody criminal in Moscow on such a day."

Eric Garcetti, the United States' Ambassador to India, speaking at a conclave in Kolkata, scolded India saying: "there is no such thing as a strategic autonomy during a conflict", referring to the war in Ukraine. There was a warning too from Washington. In his speech, Garcetti, while referring to improving India-US ties, added: "But as I also remind my Indian friends, while it is wide and it is deeper than it's ever been, it is not yet deep enough."

SOURAV ROY

But these statements were lost in transmission. What is swirling around instead are various interpretations of India's complex balancing act between the super powers. Some analysts see India's strong outreach to Vladimir Putin as betting on Donald Trump returning to power, which could translate to a 'softer' US stance towards Russia. In his commiseration note after Trump's assassination attempt, PM Modi pointedly refers to the former US President as "my friend".

A view from China sees Modi's Russia visit as an attempt to boost India's security amidst growing tensions with China. "It [India] has to stand up to China at its borders and it does need Russian support for that," Harsh Pant, an international relations professor at King's College London, told South China Morning Post.

FINDING A MIDDLE WAY

In the high octane push-back by the United States and its allies, India's 'neutral' noises were lost on the world. There was a message when Prime Minister Modi chose not to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) meeting in Afsana on 2-3 July. The SCO is a powerful regional bloc that includes both Russia and China as well as Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Again, the India-Russia joint statement released after Prime Minister Modi's Moscow visit, emphasizes bilateral economic ties over other issues. Historically, India buys more than 45 percent of its defense needs from Russia, including the MiG and advanced Sukhoi jet fighters as well as the S-400 anti-missile systems. The joint statement spoke of improving these ties and said the two countries will go for joint manufacturing of spare parts in India.

The United States and its allies are peeved at the wishy-washy position India has been taking on the Ukraine war. Eric Garcetti made no bones about stating that "deeds not words" was important. He was referring to India's repeated call for peace in Ukraine, while it continued to buy Russian oil thereby indirectly aiding Russia's war effort.

THE NON-ALIGNMENT CREED

These statements do not mean the United States Is going to pivot away from building relations with India. United States' hostilities with China are at fever pitch because of the former's support for Taiwan, and the US is keen to bolster India as a regional counterweight to China.

On the diplomatic front though there is considerable disquiet at India's equidistant, 'flexible' foreign policy. The equidistant policy is not consistent, and must be distinguished from the earlier 'Non-aligned Movement' (NAM) that emerged as a Third World initiative decades ago led by Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, Egypt's Abdel Nasser, and Yugoslavia's Josep Bronz Tito.

Non-alignment was the answer to the Cold War where newly independent nations like India and South Africa were asked to take sides in a highly polarized world. Non-alignment was seen as active neutrality and opposition to new forms of colonialism and economic exploitation.

On the other hand, India's current foreign policy of equidistance is opportunistic. It is built on abstaining from taking sides. Throughout the over-two years old Ukraine War, India has abstained on 6 or more occasions when the UN has voted to stop the war. This is not non-alignment; it is refusal to take a stand. The flip-flop after the Gaza war broke out on 7 October, last year, is now legend too. Initially, India condemned Hamas' 'terrorism'; but when faced with a push-back by the Arab states, this was recalibrated to supporting a 'two-state' solution.

Thereafter, there's been a U-turn again with India quietly selling ammunition to Israel. The government has also opened its doors to Israel recruiting labour for construction and other heavy work formerly done by Palestinians.

Keeping a distance from warring parties is one thing; but the constant flip-flops and a refusal to take a stand will not win us credibility in the long run.

Jindal Group probe against sr. executive

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

A Jindal Group company has sent a senior executive, who is facing allegations of molestation by a female flight passenger, on administrative leave and a third-party probe has been started to probe the matter.

"We are concerned about the recent allegations involving a senior executive in our company. We recognize the gravity of the situation and are committed to addressing it with utmost seriousness, care, integrity, and urgency," Vulcan Green Steel said in a statement.

Oman-based Vulcan Green Steel (VGS) is the steel arm of Vulcan Green, which is part of the Naveen Jindal-led Group of companies. In line with the company's policy, and to ensure a fair and independent review, the executive has been placed on administrative leave. To maintain impartiality, the company said it is appointing an independent, credible third party to lead the investigation. On Friday, Jindal Steel and Power Chairman Naveen Jindal promised to probe allegations of molestation against the CEO of one of the group companies levelled by a female passenger onboard a flight from Kolkata to Abu Dhabi, saying his group has a zero-tolerance policy in such matters.

Probing allegations

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Flight operations back to normal after technical glitch

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE Ministry of Civil Aviation said on Saturday that flight operations in the country are back to normal a day after a global outage at Microsoft had a severe impact on the functioning of airlines and airports.

"Since 3 AM in the night, Airline systems across airports have started working normally. Flight operations are going smoothly now. There is a backlog because of disruptions yesterday, and it is getting cleared gradually. By noon today, we expect all issues to be resolved," the Aviation Ministry said.

It added, "We are constantly monitoring the operations at our airports and also with the airlines ensuring travel readjustments and refunds are taken care of. We thank you for your patience."

India's largest airline IndiGo, which had cancelled 200 flights on Friday, said on Saturday that the global outage that led to operational difficulties is nearly resolved, and their teams have made significant progress in restoring normal operations. However, it added that customers may still experience delays and schedule disruptions over the weekend.

Among airports, the Delhi Airport faced slight disruptions on Saturday morning as the Digi Yatra system remained non-operational. This led to increased waiting time and lingering queues earlier in the day. In India, almost all the airlines and major airports had a field day on Friday as it became nearly impossible for them to provide basic services such as online booking, web check-ins and flight status updates.

Not only airports but the IT industry, financial market and other sectors also experienced a major disruption in services. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) said out of the 1400+trading members ecosystem, there were 11 trading members who reported disruptions to their operations, which were either resolved during the day, or are being resolved. Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) said the outage in Microsoft services impacted five AMCs which reported disruption to some important functions but the issues were resolved during the day.

A new Crowdstrike (cybersecurity software firm) update was being cited as the cause of the outage, which impacted Windows-based desktops and laptops.

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Business & Beyond

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME – PGDM 2024-26 – CIMP

An orientation programme was held on July 10 for CIMP's 17th PGDM batch. The programme, held in the auditorium on the beautiful campus at Mithapur, began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP. Dr. Singh briefed the students of the 2024-26 batch about the evolution and inspiring journey of the institute, which was born out of the dream of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, a true visionary. He exhorted the students of the incoming batch to work hard to meet the cut-throat competition in the industry. The event saw a lineup of illustrious industry professionals from India and abroad delivering invaluable lessons to the young students. Dr. Ravi Shanker, Founder and CEO, 3S Global Advisors LLC, USA, addressed the students online and advised them to develop a thorough understanding of the self, a SWOT of sorts, to build resilience in themselves.

PRADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED RESUME ONE LAKH PLANTATION DRIVE

Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL), a prominent player in the fertilizer industry, has launched a major environmental initiative with its One Lakh Plantation Drive at Paradeep Plant Site. The event was graced by esteemed presence of MrinalKanti Biswas, Regional Director of the Central Pollution Control Board and Mr Puskar Behera, Regional Officer of the Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Mr. Abhijit Pathak, Scientist-CPCB and other dignitaries of CPCB, OSPCB and IIT, Kharagpur. The ambitious One Lakh Plantation Drive aims to enhance the environment by planting 100,000 saplings across various locations in the company's premises.

Visit of delegation from Bangladesh at SMP, Kolkata

A 13-member delegation from Bangladesh on a four-day visit to SMP, Kolkata from 9th to 12th July, 2024, to assess possibilities of transhipment of Exim cargo of Bangladesh via Indian ports located on East Coast. The delegation, led by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh S M Mostafa Kamal, comprises representatives from key ministries, private stakeholders and ports of Bangladesh. The visit to Ports in Haldia on 10th July and in Kolkata on 11th July – was in line with minutes of India-Bangladesh Shipping Secretaries Level Talks.

HPCL celebrates 50 years of formation with planting 5.5 lakh trees

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) celebrated Golden Jubilee with a grand event that highlighted its commitment to environmental sustainability through plantation of 5.5 lakh trees. The event, themed 'Panchatattvon Ka Maharatna,' honored five elements—Earth, fire, wind, water, and ether—that symbolize foundation and growth of HPCL over the past 50 years.

UCO Bank pays dividend of ₹319 crore to the Govt. of India

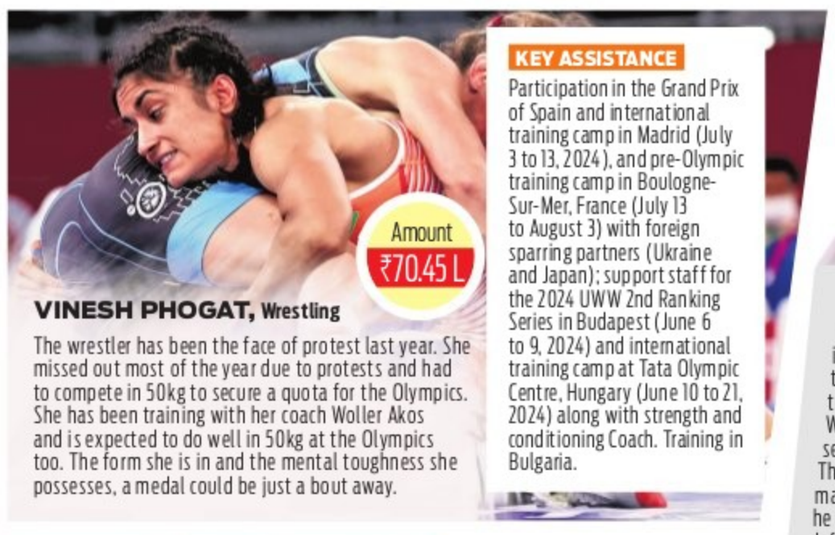
New Delhi: UCO Bank, one of India's leading public sector banks on 19.07.2024, Friday presented ₹319 crore dividend cheque to Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate affairs, Government of India. The cheque was handed over by bank's MD & CEO Ashwani Kumar, Executive Directors Rajendra Kumar Saboo and Shri Vijay N. Kamble. The Government of India holds 95.39% stake in the Kolkata based UCO Bank. The Bank has declared a dividend of 2.80% of face value for the FY 2023-24.

Marquez named India men's head coach

Spaniard Manolo Marquez was named as the Indian men's football team head coach in place of Igor Stimac. "During the 2024-25 season, Mr. Marquez will continue his role as the head coach of the first team at FC Goa, handling both responsibilities concurrently before assuming the national coaching role on a full-time basis," the All India Football Federation's executive committee said.

The ministry has spent over ₹470 crore through Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), assistance to National Sports Federation and CSR funds on16 disciplines during the Olympic cycle (2021 to 2024). According to ministry and SAI figures here's how much they spent on some of India's top athletes...

HIGHER & STRONGER



Amount ₹70.45 L

VINESH PHOGAT, Wrestling

The wrestler has been the face of protest last year. She missed out most of the year due to protests and had to compete in 50kg to secure a quota for the Olympics. She has been training with her coach Woller Akos and is expected to do well in 50kg at the Olympics too. The form she is in and the mental toughness she possesses, a medal could be just a bout away.

KEY ASSISTANCE

Participation in the Grand Prix of Spain and international training camp in Madrid (July 3 to 13, 2024), and pre-Olympic training camp in Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France (July 13 to August 3) with foreign sparring partners (Ukraine and Japan); support staff for the 2024 UWW 2nd Ranking Series in Budapest (June 6 to 9, 2024) and international training camp at Tata Olympic Centre, Hungary (June 10 to 21, 2024) along with strength and conditioning Coach. Training in Bulgaria.

Amount ₹5.72 cr

NEERAJ CHOPRA, Javelin throw

He has been the most consistent performer in recent times. After winning gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics he went on to become the champion at Budapest Worlds meet last year after finishing second in Eugene Worlds in 2022. Though he has participated in two major international events this year, he looks to be in pristine form to defend his title.

KEY ASSISTANCE

- Assistance towards Hiring and appointment of current Foreign coach Dr Klaus Bartonietz in Paris Cycle.
- Assistance towards Pre-Olympic training Camp in Europe and other exposure trips.

Amount ₹1.14 cr

SHARATH KAMAL, Table tennis

He has cemented his place among the legends in not just Indian table tennis but also in Indian sports. The multiple Commonwealth Games gold medallist is in the last leg of his professional career. After almost two decades and five Olympics he is set to retire after Paris. Experience over age and he is an exponent of these. He can spring one or two surprises too.

KEY ASSISTANCE

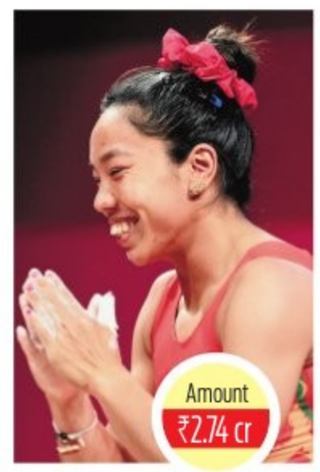
Personal coach and nutritionist in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympics; participating in various international competitions, training and national camps; training in Dusseldorf, Germany, from May 10 to June 1; foreign coach retention

MIRABAI CHANU, Weightlifting

She had not been in the best of form after the Tokyo Olympics. A Commonwealth Games gold in 2022 was the high point. Plagued by injury she missed out on the Asian Games once again. She still rues that she has not won a medal at the Asian Games and may be a bit too late now. She could not lift her usual weight due to injury until about three-four months ago. She and her coach want to keep that phase out as they look forward for a second medal at Paris on August 7.

KEY ASSISTANCE

- International training at SQUAT University USA from May 12 to 21, 2023. - Procurement of Biomechanical Equipment for monitoring the training and rehabilitation programs; services of Dr Aaron Horschig in the Pre-Olympic training camp in Paris from July 21 to 27; 28-day pre-Olympic Games weather acclimatisation from July 4 to August 2, 2024.



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PV SINDHU, Badminton women's singles

The big game player is set for her third Olympics. Never to shy away from challenges, Sindhu will be looking to put her not too impressive form behind and once again climb the ladder of success in Olympics. After splitting with P Gopichand, she is now working with Prakash Padukone and Vimal Kumar. She has got a favourable draw as well and is expected to be on the podium once again.

KEY ASSISTANCE

- Assistance towards hiring and appointment of current foreign coach Agus Dwi Santoso from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024 (till Paris Olympics 2024); Assistance towards training at the Hermann-Neuberger Sportschule(LSVS) in Saarbrucken, Germany for 36 days with coach, strength and conditioning and physio. - 17 foreign exposures through TOPS for her personal support staff - Appointment of former Foreign Coaches Mohd Hafiz & Park Tae Sang.

HOCKEY MEN'S TEAM

They won the bronze in Tokyo, and followed it up with a Gold at the Hangzhou Asian Games before winning the Asian Champions Trophy. In this Oympic cycle, they recieved assistance towards 19 foreign training camps as well as Test matches against Australia, Netherlands and Belgium. However, despite all those medals, this has been a slightly middling Olympics cycle thanks to their World Cup where they were eliminated in the crossover stage by New Zealand last year. The minimum expectation from them will be to advance to the semifinals but they are in a tricky group with Australia and Belgium.

Amount ₹41.8 cr

Amount ₹91.71 lakhs

NIKHAT ZAREEN, Boxing

She could well be India's first woman gold medallist in Paris. The form she is in and the technique she has is enough to send her to the medal round. Only thing that might be tricky would be the draw because she will not be seeded. She won bronze at the Asian Games and is double world championships gold medallist. The Olympics though will be a big challenge. Watch out for the girl from Nizamabad!

KEY ASSISTANCE

- National camp round the year; two foreign coaches and support staff; training and exposure trips to Turkey, Ireland, China, Montenegro, Germany. - Exclusive from TOPS: Providing physiotherapy and gym equipment.

Amount ₹1.3 cr

MANIKA BHATRA, Table tennis

She is the first Indian women to be ranked in top 25 at ITTF World Rankings in singles. Manika has won some firsts in women's table tennis in the country. But the first ever medal at the Olympics would be the biggest prize for her. Though the field is the strongest, Manika will try and eke out one of her most memorable wins and reach the medal round in Paris.

KEY ASSISTANCE

- Procurement of TT equipment; assistance towards services of coach and sparring partner for various; international tournaments in 2024

Amount ₹5.62 cr

SATWIKSAIRAJ RANKIREDDY & CHIRAG SHETTY, Badminton men's doubles

The Indian men's pair were unstoppable last year and ended up on top of world ranking. They won historic gold at the Asian Games and followed it up with a title at the Asian badminton championships last year. Though they started off well, there were a few hiccups before they have risen once again. The biggest prospect for a medal at the Games.

KEY ASSISTANCE

Assistance towards appointment & extension of tenure of their coach Mathias Boe under TOPS till Paris 2024 Olympics; video analyst under TOPS till the Paris 2024 Olympics; sparring partners for training camps at Mumbai and Hyderabad.

SIFT KAUR SAMRA, Shooting (rifle)

Amount ₹1.63 cr

Tipped as one of the favourites to win a medal at the Olympics in 3 Position, Sift had been hitting just for fun. She finished fifth at the ISSF world championships last year and would be hoping to finish in the top three at the Olympics in Châteauroux, a venue that is 250km away from Paris. The girl who dropped out of MBBS to pursue sport, is all set for the biggest challenge of her career

KEY ASSISTANCE

Procurement of ammunition

MANU BHAKER, Shooting (air pistol)

Manu Bhaker has found joy in shooting. Last time in Tokyo she was just a teenager, this time she is matured and at 22 she seemed to have gained enough experience to shoot a medal at the Paris Olympics. She had been in good form during the trials in May and going forward with her coach and mentor Jaspal Rana by her side, she is expected to excel.

KEY ASSISTANCE

- Assistance towards weapon servicing, air pellets, ammunition testing and barrel selection. - Assistance for training in Germany with a personal coach.

Amount ₹1.68 cr

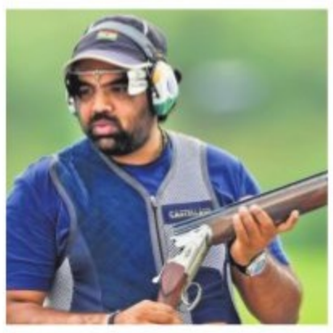
Shooter Prithviraj primed for Olympic debut

GOMESH S @ Chennai

PRITHVIRAJ Tondaiman is at the peak of his powers. At 37, he is all set to become the first shooter from Tamil Nadu to take part in the Olympics. Coming from the lineage of Maharaja of Pudukkottai, Prithviraj — son of Rajagopala Tondaiman who was also a shooter — had fallen short of qualification for Rio and Tokyo Olympics. Paris, however, will see the trap shooter stake his claim at the biggest stage.

The road to this point, however, has not been a featherbed. After missing out on Tokyo Games, Prithviraj was determined to give his everything over the next three years to make the Paris dream happen. He was working as hard as he ever did, training as much as he always used to. However, it all took one conversation with Russell Mark, who joined as India coach in 2022, to lift him up. The first time Mark met Prithviraj and watched him train, he told the Indian that everything is perfect with his technique and he has the ability to win a medal. "Till that point, no one had said that to me," recalls Prithviraj in a conversation with this daily. "Him being a champion, olympic medallist twice... someone like him saying that... it kind of changed a lot of me. We haven't had someone who came to a player and said you can win a medal. They often try to correct the mistakes, but he was the first to say I can win a medal," he adds in an interaction facilitated by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

Mark did not stop with just encouraging words. He also made it clear to Prithviraj that it was time to win. He detailed out a training programme for Prithviraj which had the do's and don'ts, how to train without tiring himself and more. He started perfecting himself technically, working towards smaller goals, practising single shots so that he could be ready when the moment comes in a final. Mark would also make the training fun by setting goals and rewarding the shooter. "He would turn and say 'I will give you $50 but you cannot miss the first and last target. You cannot miss two targets in a row or you cannot miss when the guy on your left misses. If you do all this, I will give you $50'. If someone does that, they believe in you and want you to do well. These



are very important things in a competition."

It did come in handy when he was in a crunch situation during the ISSF Shotgun World Cup at Doha where Prithviraj finished third, winning his first ever World Cup medal. "The final was neck-to-neck and England shooter Coward Holly had missed a shot in the shoot-out. He missed in the shoot-out, I had to hit only one of the last three to win silver. When he missed, I also missed. That is pressure. From thereon, the confidence grew. It was highly competitive in Doha with all the countries taking part. To win a medal in that field was a big confidence booster."

Prithviraj took that confidence into the ISSF World Cup Shotgun in Lonato, Italy later that year and accounted for another bronze medal. By this time, he had realised winning medals at big events was more about mental strength than technique. This is where Mark, who left the India coaching role midway through 2023, and the psychologist the TN shooter had been working with, played a significant role. "The difference between a guy who doesn't win a medal and a champion is that mental make-up. Even if you look at my Lonato World Cup, I missed a few targets in the beginning but after that, I had to mentally pull myself and say I will get a chance because there are other shooters who are also probably going to miss it some time. And when they miss, I have to be there. I cannot give up. You have to be very tough to fight till the very end."

Mark might have left the Indian team, but the two still keep in touch and discuss a lot about Prithviraj's shooting technique whenever they meet. For the Paris Olympics, the 37-year-old prepared in Croatia, where he was shooting with Giovanni Cernogoraz, London Olympic Games gold medallist and also the current world champion, in the first week of July before joining the Indian contingent in Italy. Since then, the Indian team has been training at Cernay, a small French commune next to the Switzerland border, before the Games begins.

As much as Prithviraj is confident and mentally ready for the big challenge, the occasion and what it means to his family in Pudukkottai has not escaped his mind. "My father was a shooter and he had also wanted to take part in the Olympics. It was his passion also. He put in a lot of hard work but because he started very late he couldn't achieve it. So he gave it everything when I started the shooting, he supported me in every way possible because when we didn't have a range to train in Tamil Nadu, he built a range for me which is no small task. Even today, he goes to the range every day, he coaches them every single day. So more than the family history and everything, that dedication that he has put in and is still putting in for that. This Olympic qualification of mine is a very, very happy moment for him. And now it's time to make them more proud and win a medal at the games."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

AAI cites limited slots for exclusion of coach

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

HOURS after Baek Woong Ki expressed his shock after denial of accreditation to be with the squad in the Paris Olympics, the Archery Association of India (AAI) has cited limited availability as a reason for not including India's South Korean Archery coach in the contingent.

"Because AAI have a foreign coach, we thought he should be with the team," Gunjan Abrol, Assistant Secretary of AAI, told this daily. "That is why we sent a letter to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to accommodate five (including three coaches and two support staff). They do have restrictions with regard to the maximum number of officials on the team. That is why they have given two full-fledged accreditations and two day passes. The physiotherapist and psychologist are included, however, they will stay outside the Olympic Village," he added. "We would have been able to get a maximum of three day passes for support staff, (those with passes) are not allowed to enter the Field of Play. If we had got the day pass for the foreign coach, he would not have been able to enter the field," Arbol mentioned.

Currently, Purnima Mahato and Sonam Tshering Bhutia are the two coaches who have travelled with the team to Paris. "Our women's team, including Deepika Kumari, is attached with Purnima Mahato. And they are more comfortable with Purnima. With regard to the men's team, all three members are from Army. Sonam Tshering Bhutia is there as a coach with them. Sometimes they need direction during the event and language could be the barricade at that time, so (he is there with the team,)" he explained.

While the IOA has maintained that organisation has acted on the recommendations from the respective National Sports Federations. "IOA has gone by the recommendation and advice of all NSFs whose athletes are competing in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. IOA has acted positively on accreditation recommendations and requests of all NSFs and even individual athletes. IOA will act on any request that comes from the AAI," an IOA official told this daily.

EXPRESS READ

US skipper Adams to miss start of EPL

SANTA BARBARA: United States captain Tyler Adams will miss the start of the Premier League season while he recovers from back surgery, Bournemouth manager Andoni Iraola said. Adams missed most of last season because of a hamstring problem, and he ended his debut Bournemouth campaign with back spasms. Adams played a full game for the US in its 1-0 loss to Uruguay.

Hungary GP: McLaren pair top time charts

BUDAPEST: McLaren pair Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri topped the time charts of the third practice session for the Hungarian Grand Prix on Saturday. Points leader Max Verstappen was third in his Red Bull, followed by Mercedes' George Russell. Lewis Hamilton had a slip when he spun his Mercedes around in the middle of the track.

Semifinal spot for grab

AFTER COMPREHENSIVELY BEATING PAKISTAN IN THE TOURNAMENT OPENER, INDIA WOULD BE LOOKING TO ENSURE THE TOP FINISH IN GROUP A AS THEY TAKE ON THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. A LOOK...

BOWLERS AT THEIR FINEST

Despite Fatima Sana and Tuba Hassan's efforts with the bat, Indian bowlers were too good for Pakistan. The pace duo of Renuka Singh Tahur and Pooja Vastrakar set the tone before the spinners made the most of the conditions. India would want to continue that dominance again.

CHANGE IN THE BATTING ORDER?

In the series against South Africa in Chennai, India's middle and lower middle order didn't get much opportunity to bat. Even in the first match of the Asia Cup, the openers did the heavy lifting. With no fixtures planned so far after this, India might want to test their batting order in similar conditions to that of the World Cup.

CAN UAE COME BACK STRONG?

After their unexpected loss against Nepal, UAE would be itching to make their mark. However, for them to do it against India, they will need to have a perfect game. Starting from captain Esha Oza to the explosive Theertha Satish, their main players will have to bring out their A game on Sunday.

India vs United Arab Emirates, Dambulla
Live on Star Sports and Hotstar, 2 PM

India men to leave for Sri Lanka on Monday

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ABHISHEK Nayar and Ryan ten Doeschate might join the support staff of newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir during India's white ball tour to Sri Lanka, starting from July 27.

While none of it is officially confirmed, things might get clear when Gambhir addresses the media on Monday in Mumbai before leaving with the team for the Island nation. Nayar, who has played three ODIs for India, and Doeschate, who was a hard-hitting all-rounder for Netherlands, have worked closely with Gambhir at the Kolkata Knight Riders and are likely to come in as assistant coaches, according to reports.

While there was no clear view on the appointment of the bowling coach, it seems that T Dilip will continue in the role of the fielding coach. Gambhir had suggested to the BCCI the names of former India seamers R Vinay Kumar and L Balaji and former South African pacer Morne Morkel for the role of bowling coach. However, the board is yet to invite applications for the job. For time being, someone from the National Cricket Academy could travel to Sri Lanka with the team. In his first press conference as India head coach, Gambhir will have to answer queries not just about his support staff but also about the appointment of Suryakumar Yadav as T20I captain over Hardik Pandya.

SEINE FROM PARIS

Archery, rowing teams reach Village

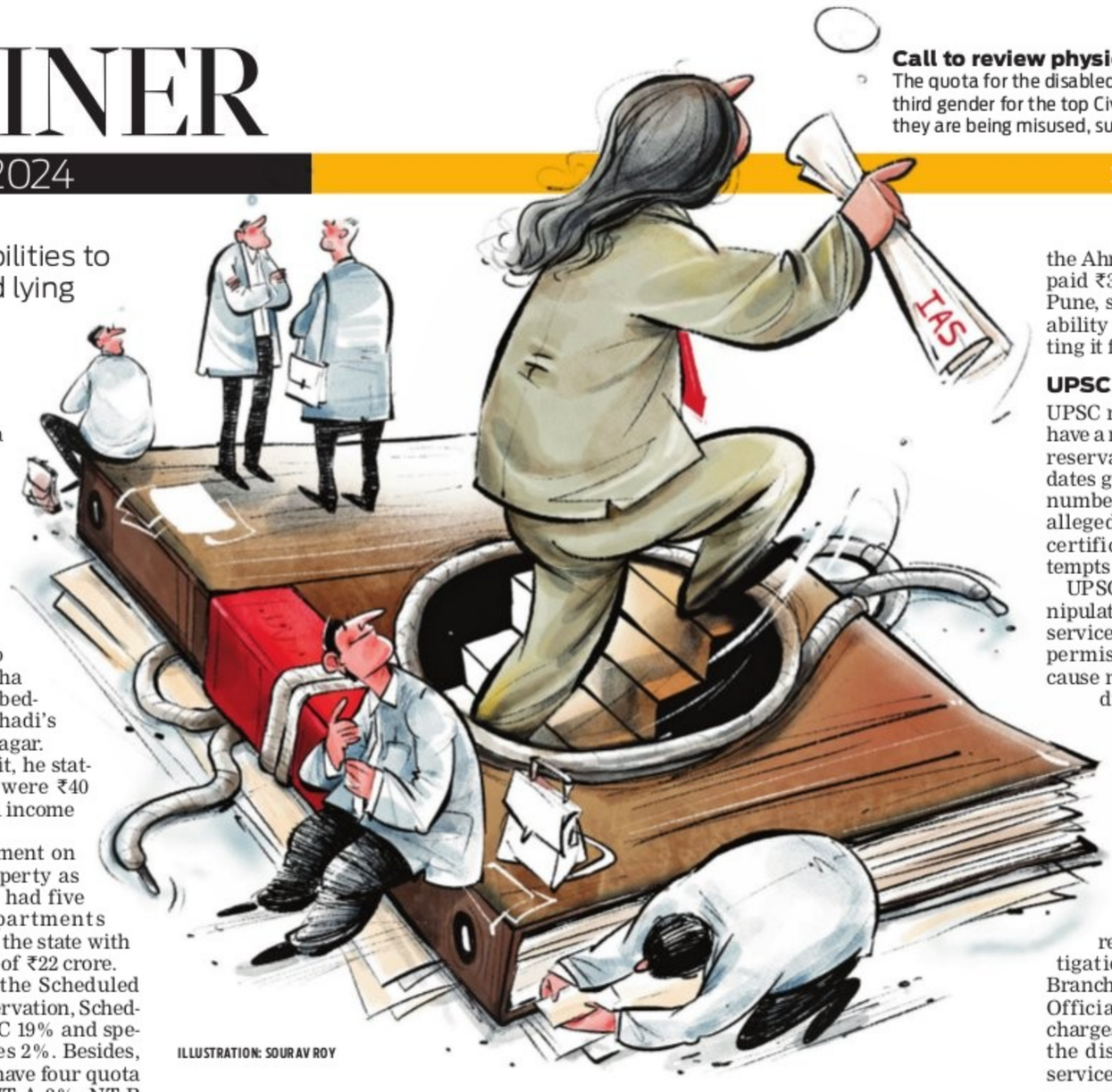
PARIS: India's chef-de-mission for Paris Olympics, Gagan Narang on Saturday informed that archery and rowing contingents are first from the country to check in at the Games village and said the athletes are eager to begin their campaign at the sporting extravaganza. While archery and rowing contingents checked in at Paris Games village on Friday, the Indian men's hockey team will arrive on Saturday from the Netherlands. "I arrived in Paris on Thursday night and have taken stock of the arrangements inside the Games Village for the Indian contingent," said Narang.

Pride myself on consistency: Ledecky

INDIANAPOLIS: For Katie Ledecky, there is seemingly no such thing as burnout. Sure, there are times when it all gets a bit monotonous, staring at that black line at the bottom of the pool, turning lap after interminable lap with nothing on the line. Yet, a dozen years after she burst on the scene with a surprising gold medal at the London Olympics, Ledecky keeps finding ways to enjoy swimming as much as ever. "I pride myself on that consistency," the 27-year-old Ledecky said. "I challenge myself to stay consistent," she added.

Call to review physically, mentally disabled quota
The quota for the disabled and the proposed 1% reservation for the third gender for the top Civil Services need to be reviewed, since they are being misused, suggests Amitabh Kant, G20 org Sherpa

Falsifying family income, misrepresenting physical abilities to claim the disability quota, forging identity papers and lying about parental separation are some of the ploys unscrupulous elements use to beat the system



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GAMING EXEMPTIONS FOR A CIVIL SERVICES SEAT

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

AFFIRMATIVE action has a nice ring to it as it signifies efforts for the empowerment of the weaker sections of the society. It unfortunately is getting a bad name after news broke recently on how the system was gamed to penetrate the Union Public Service Commission's (UPSC) toughest exam for making it to the civil services. Falsifying family income, misrepresenting physical abilities to claim the disability quota, forging identity papers and lying about parental separation are some of the ploys unscrupulous elements use to join the steel frame of the country and make it rot.

That a fraudulent case came to light recently only because of the tantrums of a trainee candidate showed the internal gatekeeping mechanisms are a little too rusty. It spawned allegations of many others in the past using similar dubious means to gatecrash into the exclusive club, damaging the credibility of the elite service.

Creamy layer

As many as 27% of the seats in state and Central government-run education institutions and services are reserved for the other backward castes (OBCs), based on the recommendations of the Mandal Commission. The reservation was challenged by Indra Sawhney in the Supreme Court (1992) but a Constitution bench in a landmark verdict upheld the quota. It, however, mandated the skimming out of the creamy layer among the OBCs so that the fruits of affirmative action percolate to the most disadvantaged people in the society.

The Central government then constituted a commission led by Justice Ram Nandan Prasad to identify the creamy layer. Going by its recommendations, if your parents are not directly recruited Class 1 (Group A) or Class 2 (Group B) officers or they do not occupy any constitutional posts (like that of President of India, Vice President, Governor etc), chances are you would be eligible for the non-creamy layer.

If parents are not employed by the government, their income should be within the prescribed limits for eligibility to the non-creamy layer. The present cap on annual income to qualify for the non-creamy layer of the OBC quota is ₹8 lakh for three consecutive years.

When the creamy layer concept was first introduced, the family income limit was set at ₹1 lakh per annum (1993). It was raised to ₹2.5 lakh in 2004, ₹4.5 lakh in 2008, ₹6 lakh in 2013 and ₹8 lakh in 2017. A proposal to lift it further to ₹12 lakh in urban areas and ₹9 lakh in rural India has been pending with the Centre since 2011. The wage ceiling was also proposed to be linked to inflation and revised every three years.

IN THE EYE OF A STORM

Trainee IAS officer Puja Manorama Dilip Khedkar

Manorama, Puja's mom. Under arrest for waving a gun

Dilip Khedkar, Puja's dad. Has ₹40 crore worth assets

Trainee IAS officer Dr Puja Khedkar is in the news for all the wrong reasons as she is accused of fraudulently producing a non-creamy layer certificate though her father Dilip Khedkar is a multi-crorepati. He retired as a Maharashtra government Class I officer and sought to contest the recent Lok Sabha elections on the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi's ticket from Ahmednagar.

In his poll affidavit, he stated his total assets were ₹40 crore and the annual income was ₹49 lakh.

Even Puja's statement on her immovable property as of 2023 showed she had five plots and two apartments against her name in the state with a total market value of ₹22 crore.

In Maharashtra, the Scheduled Castes have 13% reservation, Scheduled Tribes 7%, OBC 19% and special backward classes 2%. Besides, the nomadic tribes have four quota classifications — NT-A 3%, NT-B 2.5%, NT-C 3.5% and NT-D 2%. They all add up to 52%. Puja belongs to the Wanjari community that is part of NT-D in Maharashtra, but comes under the Central government's OBC list.

Her unprofessional conduct while on probation in Pune as assistant director in the Sport Authority of India led to a conflict with the collectorate and her transfer to Washim, which opened the can of worms.

Change in name and disability

In 2019, when she appeared in the UPSC exam, she gave her name as Khedkar Puja Diliprao and stood 11,244th in the rank list. Two years later, she took the name of Puja Manorama Dilip Khedkar and claimed her eligibility for two quotas — OBC and PwBD 1 (person with benchmark disability). PwBD 1 stands for a person with not less than 40% disability. Her certificate claimed she has poor eyesight.

PwBD candidates of the general/OBC/EWS categories are allowed a maximum of nine attempts while SC/ST PwBD candidates get unlimited attempts in case they are otherwise eligible. The upper age limit for taking an exam, too, is relaxable up to a maximum of 10 years. The maximum attempts in the general/EWS category is six with age cap of 32, for OBCs nine and age ceiling of 35, and for SC/STs unlimited till 37 years of age.

Within two years, Puja got her certificate changed from PwBD single disability to multiple disability, adding mental illness and 7% damage in a knee.

Multiple disabilities are quite rare, so such candidates are few in number. That gave her an IAS posting though her All India Rank in the 2022 UPSC exam was 821. Each year, the IAS intake is less than 200.

As per the UPSC's notification for civil services, there are five categories of persons with benchmark disabilities. The first one is blindness and low vision; the second is deaf and hard hearing; the third one is locomotor disability, including cerebral palsy, cured leprosy and dwarfism dystrophy, the fourth is autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability, and mental illness; while the fifth includes multiple disabilities, which can be a mixture of any of the four categories like deaf-blind.

In 2007, Puja's certificates said she was mentally and physically fit for admission to Pune's Kashibai Navale Medical College. Later she claimed disability and to get those certificates, she used multiple residential addresses, one of which included her mother Manorama's factory, which is illegal as per law. This factory was demolished by the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation because it has not paid taxes for the last two years.

Disability scam

The Ahmednagar district civil hospital issued the disability certificate to Puja in 2018, yet when she was called by AIIMS Delhi for physical verification as many as six times after her selection for IAS - as mandated by the UPSC - there was no show under some or the other pretext. The certificate was issued by the Ahmednagar hospital after she allegedly paid ₹30,000 as bribe. Puja is a resident of Pune, so she ought to have obtained her disability certificate from there instead of getting it from elsewhere.

UPSC rule and actions

UPSC rules mandate that a candidate must have a minimum of 40% disability to avail of reservation under that quota. Such candidates get relaxation in the age limit and the number of attempts to take the exam. Puja allegedly fraudulently used the disability certificates to increase her number of attempts to take the exam.

UPSC has since determined that she manipulated her identity to appear for the civil services exam multiple times, exceeding the permissible attempts. It issued her a show cause notice on the cancellation of her candidature and intends to bar her from future exams. The UPSC also filed a complaint with the Delhi Police.

"UPSC has filed a complaint with Delhi Police against Ms Puja Manorama Dilip Khedkar for misrepresenting and falsifying facts to obtain extra attempts in the UPSC examinations, beyond the prescribed limit. Consequently, a case has been registered under the relevant sections of the law, and investigation has been taken up in the Crime Branch," the Delhi Police said in a statement. Officials indicated that the case involves charges of forgery, cheating, and misuse of the disability quota in securing her civil services candidacy.

Separation ruse

In a mock interview that has gone viral, Puja is purportedly seen claiming that her parents had separated, forcing her to stay with her mother and has zero income. Parental separation is an alleged ruse adopted by quite a few candidates to get admission in a government college or seek jobs under the OBC and the Economically Weaker Section quotas. Such separations/divorce are only on paper so as to reduce the parent's income and stay under the ₹8 lakh creamy layer radar.

In Puja's case, too, her parents continue to live together, as is borne out by her father's election affidavit. In fact, he has shown properties and ornaments in his spouse's name. Besides, some of the income is shown as joint.

High connections?

After selection as a trainee IAS officer, the UPSC directed Puja to complete her medical tests and verify her disability certificates, but she ducked it. When the UPSC threatened to cancel her selection, she went to the Central Administrative Tribunal, which too refused to give her relief. But the Centre's department of personal training (DoPT) overruled it and sent her for IAS training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy for Administration at Mussoorie. She completed her training and was allotted the Maharashtra cadre for two years as a probationary officer. Her first posting was in Bhandara in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, but within a day she got it changed to her home town of Pune, which is completely irregular. As per service officers' rules, the first posting of a trainee IAS officer should not be in his/her hometown, yet she successfully managed to pull strings for the Pune posting.

HOW BOEING HOPES TO BUY ITS WAY OUT OF MAX TROUBLE

T K VINEETH @Kochi

ON July 7, the US Department of Justice (DoJ) disclosed in a court filing that it had in principle agreed to a plea bargain by Boeing Company, which would help the firm avoid going to trial in the criminal case related to two fatal crashes of 737 Max jets. Boeing, a US-based multinational corporation that designs, manufactures, and sells commercial airplanes worldwide, was accused of hiding a serious design flaw in 737 Max from regulators responsible for certifying the aircraft as fit to carry passengers.

The deception came to light after two 737 Max jetliners crashed within a span of five months, killing 346 passengers and crew members. The first crash occurred in October 2018 when a 737 Max jetliner operated by Indonesia's Lion Air plunged into the Java Sea and the second fatal accident came in March 2019 as an Ethiopian Airlines 737 Max jet crashed into a field six minutes after it took off from Addis Ababa.

The DoJ has since sought more time to finalise the plea deal. "The government expects that the earliest it could file the plea agreement is Wednesday, July 24, 2024," it told the Texas court.

Flying blind

The two crashes led to a series of investigations, including a criminal probe by the DoJ. Boeing's 737 Max jets were grounded worldwide, forcing the company to admit to its mistake. Since then, Boeing has been under the DoJ's glare for defrauding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to get 737 Max certified for commercial use. According to the DoJ, the company deceived the FAA's Aircraft Evaluation Division (AEG) about the speed range in which a part of the 737 MAX's flight controls could operate.

FAA AEG works with aircraft manufacturers to determine the airworthiness of planes and recommend pilot training requirements. Boeing's technical pilots allegedly gave inaccurate and incomplete information about how the flight control feature called the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS) works. The MCAS in 737 Max was designed to take control of the flight at certain conditions, an action that can't be manually overridden by pilots.

This crucial feature was not disclosed to anyone — regulators, airline operators or pilots. As a result, airplane manuals and pilot-training materials lacked any reference to this, which meant 737 Max pilots were flying blind.

Why hide software tweaks

The 737 Max was launched as a fuel-efficient version of Boeing's 737 Next Generation (NG), the US aerospace firm's best-selling airliner. Some aviation experts say it should ideally have been launched as a separate model instead of an upgrade because drastic changes were made in the new version.

For one, the Max was over 3,000 kg heavier than the NG because larger engines were used in the newer model. The 737 Max engines' position was also moved further forward and much higher on the wings to accommodate the larger fan diameter. The repositioned engines shifted the centre of gravity of the plane slightly forward compared to the earlier version. Because of this, the jet's nose could pitch up unexpectedly during certain manoeuvres.

However, Boeing did not want pilots to experience the handling differences because that would mean additional training costs. So [illegible] software to tune the differences; when a sensor detects the nose going up, the MCAS would push the nose down automatically.

The problem was, if the sensor was faulty and it fed wrong data into the MCAS, it would still push the plane down and there was nothing the pilot could do about it. According to investigators, this design flaw brought down the two 737 Max flights.

FEAR OF MAX

After the two fatal crashes and the door plug blowoff incident involving 737 Max series, the reputation of this popular jetliner took a hit. Flyers started preferring Airbus flights and there were reports of nervous passengers even trying to get off the plane when they realise their flight was a 737 Max. After the Alaska mid-air scare, most regulators worldwide ordered the safety audit of their respective 737 Max fleet. In January 2024, the DGCA asked Indian airlines to do an emergency inspection of the emergency exit doors of all operational fleet. No anomalies were detected in any of the three Indian airlines that fly 737 Max 8 jetliners. "These checks have been satisfactorily performed on the fleet of operational fleet of Boeing 737-8 Max aircraft by Air India Express (4), SpiceJet (8) and Akasa Air (20)," the DGCA said after the inspection.

Deferred prosecution

In January 2021, Boeing entered into a deferred prosecution agreement (DPA) with DoJ in connection with criminal charges that held the company with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. Under the terms of DPA, Boeing agreed to pay a total of $2.5 billion, which included $500 million as compensation to family members of crash victims, $243.6 million criminal fine for defrauding the FAA, and a much higher amount - $1.77 billion - to its airline customers to compensate them for the losses due to grounding of the planes. The $243.6 million fine represented the amount Boeing saved by not implementing full-flight simulator training for MAX pilots.

As part of the DPA, Boeing was supposed to improve its quality issues and transparency with the government. But another incident involving the Alaska Airlines in January 2024, when a 737 Max jetliner door blew off mid-air, raised questions about the company's safety standards. If the two crashed aircraft were of the 737 Max 8 model, the Alaska door plug blowout involved the next generation model, 737 Max 9.

The embarrassing incident was reportedly caused after technicians 'forgot' to screw the bolts of the door. Following this mid-air scare, the DoJ determined that Boeing had violated the terms of the DPA and that prosecution would now begin. To avoid further trouble, Boeing agreed to plead guilty to the charges in return for settlement without trial.

Guilty plea

Under the in-principle agreement of July 7, Boeing will pay another $243 million in fines, over and above the same amount it committed as part of the 2021 deal, taking the total fines to $486 million. However, the families of the victims of the two crashes are livid, saying Boeing should be hit with a maximum fine of $24.8 billion, based on the combined losses sustained by the families. The plea agreement is subject to approval by District Judge Reed O'Connor.

As part of the deal, the planemaker will spend $455 million over three years to improve safety. Also, an independent monitor will be appointed, who will oversee the firm's compliance with the terms of the deal. Critics say these payouts will not have any financial impact on Boeing, which was anyway planning to spend half a billion dollars on upgrading the safety systems.

Because of the nature of its business, Boeing's clients can't easily abandon the company. Commercial aircraft manufacturing is just one vertical of the company, which is also into defence, space and security, and global services.

Impact on business

Despite the legal tangles, Boeing's order book has been growing. Early this month, it disclosed that it has received two new aircraft orders from Emirates SkyCargo and Aviation Capital Group. ACG has ordered 35 737 MAX jets, consisting of 16 737-8s and 19 of the larger 737-10 model. Emirates SkyCargo's order is for five 777 Freighters.

The US company has active orders from India as well. In January, Akasa Air placed an order for 150 737 Max 10 and 737 Max 8-200 aircraft to be delivered through 2032. Earlier, the Tata Group had ordered 190 Boeing 737 Max narrowbody planes, 20 Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 10 Boeing 777X. Boeing claims there won't be any in delivery delay.

However, with regulators breathing down its neck, Boeing will be forced to put safety above speed. The company is also beset by new problems. It is currently negotiating with the workers union about the demand for a 40% pay hike when contracts will be up for renewal in September. On July 18, thousands of Boeing workers voted in favour of a labour strike if the ongoing negotiations fail. The union members include 30,000 people working at two Boeing plants where the 737 is assembled and put together.

If there are delivery delays, it will be costly for Boeing's customers as well. Airlines need to plan months in advance before they can deploy a new aircraft. Pilots will have to be hired and trained, networks and schedules planned, and necessary infrastructure put in place. Boeing is expected to reach a settlement with the union because it can't afford to have a labour strike at this juncture.

While the guilty plea agreement hasn't weakened Boeing's ability to secure orders, it needs to be seen if it will continue to bag lucrative government contracts with the likes of the US Defense Department and NASA. But for a company with deep pockets, Boeing is expected to find its way around this. And it will be business as usual.